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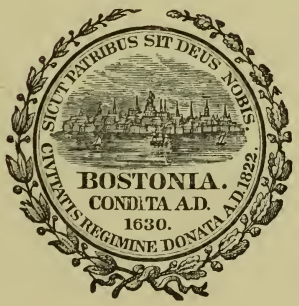

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OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

This volume, being the Twelfth Report of the Record Commissioners, is the fourth volume devoted to the Records of the Town. It covers the period from the Town Meeting of March 10, 1728–29, through the last meeting in 1742.

Between pages 63 and 64 will be found the copy of a Plan of certain Fortifications projected in A.D. 1733, as drawn in the original volume.

Preparations have been made to continue the publication of these Records, and the public interest in them shows no sign of abatement.

The Thirteenth Report, now in press, contains a continuation of the Selectmen's Records. The Tenth Report is still uncompleted.

William H. Whitmore,
William S. Appleton,
Record Commissioners.

City Hall, Boston, April, 1885.

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BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

Anno Domini: 1728 —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston On Monday the Tenth day of March: 1728:

After Prayer By the Revd Mr Sam^{ll} Checkley, Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chosen Moderator for This Meeting.

Sundry Laws Against Imorallity &c Read.

Sundry Petitions and Motions Read — Viz^{t}

About Paving in Comon Street

About Paving in Sudbury Street

About A Schoolmaster at Rumny Marsh

About the High Way in Sumer Street

Co^{ll} Thomas Fitches Present of Armes to the town

m^{r} Peter Plins Petition.

About Paving in Bennet Street.

About Laying out A High way in the Comon.

The Constables Memorial.

A motion About the Representatives.

m^{r} Nathan^{ll} Willims About an Usher

Willians & Rowe, Petition

Mr Sam^{ll} Waldos Petition

Sam^{ll} Checkley Esqr Chose Town Clerk & Sworn.

Voted to Chuse Assessors distinct from Selectmen

Voted to Chuse Seven Selectmen.

mess^{rs} John Baker
Jona^{n} Waldo
Timothy Prout
Oxenbride Thatcher
David Farnum
John Hunt
Jona^{n} Williams
} Chose Selectmen

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chosen Town Treasu^{r} for the year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse 16: Constables

Voted to Chuse: 7: Overseers of the Poor

Daniel Oliver
Timothy Clark
John Ruck
} Esq^{rs}

mess^{r} James Gouch
Sam^{ll} Greenwood
Jeffry Bedgood
Jona^{n} Jackson
} Chose Overseers of the Poor

Votes for a County Treasurer. were 147 Votes were Sealed up by Constable Salte^{r} and Ordered Him to Deliver to the Clerk of the Peace of the County

Voted that the Meeting be adjorned untill three of the Clock.

[2.]	John Greenlief - -	Sworn	Chosen Constables
	Robert Watts - - -	Sworn	
	Edward Tothill - -	Pay'd	
	Robert Harris - -	Paid	
	George Hannahs - -	Paid	
	Thomas Gording - -	Paid	
	Isaac White - - -	Paid	
	Joseph Leasonby - -	Sworn	
	Nathan^{ll} Emms - -	Paid	
	John Lee - - -	Sworn	
	John Merrett - - -	Pay'd	
	Zecha^{r} Hubbard - -	Paid	
	Moses Greenlief - -	Paid	
	Mathew Adams - -	Paid	
	Nicholas Belknap - -	Excused	
	Joseph Dodge - -	Excused	

Upon The Petition of Rumny Marsh for Alowance for A Schoolmaster there —

Voted to ad Twenty Pounds to what they formerly Alowed to m^{r} Thomas Chever for the year Ensuing Provided that the inhabitants there procure A sutable Person to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen

Officers Chosen for Rumny Marsh Viz^{t}

John Laith for Constable & Sworn

Jacob Chamberlin a Sealer of Leath^{r}

Isaac Lewis - - & Thomas Pratt Ju^{n} Fence Viewers.

Daniel Wats - - Sworn
Sam^{ll} Pratt: Sworn } Hoggreves

The Selectmen having Comunicated to the Town A Letter from the Honble Thomas Fitch Esqr Dated the first Instant Signifying, That He did Present to the Town Two Hundred and fifteen Firelocks with Bayonets fitted to them, to be for the use of the Town of Boston forever

The Town with great unanimity proceed to vote their Thanks for So Valuable and Generous A Present And agreeable to the Desire of the Doner likewise Voted That they will keep the Same or the like Number of Good Fire Locks with Bayonets Fitted to them from time to time in Good Order and Fitt for Service for the Necessary Defence of this Town. And Voted That the Honble Elisha Cook Adam Winthrop Esq^{rs} and m^{r} John Baker, be A Comittee in behalf of the Town To Waite upon the Honourable Co^{ll} Thomas Fitch, with their Thanks and a Coppy of the Votes Afore Said —

Then the Meeting Adjorned untill tomorrow-Morning at Eight of the Clock —

The Town Mett According to their Adjornment —

[3.] mess^rs Jona^n Loring Excused
Samuel White Sworn
Joshua Chever Excused
Caleb Lyman Sworn
Samuel Adams Excused
Jonas Clark Sworn
Daniel Loring Sworn
Jacob Royall Paid
} Chosen Assessors.

Joseph Russell Sworn
Nathan^ll Barber Sworn
John Callender Excusd
John Gouch Pay'd
John Knight Pay'd
Wm Price: a Trooper: Exxcud
John Marshall Ditto Excusd
Mark Day Excused
} Chose Constables.

Francis Wardell Sworn
Joseph Rix Sworn
William Eustis
Icabod Rogers Sworn
Thomas Foster
Barth^o Sutten
James Barnet Sworn
} Fence Viewers.

William Jepson Sworn
Thomas Townsend: Sworn
Robert Williams: Sworn
James Dawson — Sworn
James Peniman Sworn
} Sealers of Leather.

William Lee
William Young
Sam^ll Wardell
Edward Moberly: Sworn
Joshua Thornton Sworn
John Adams :
Edward Richards
} Viewers of Shingles Measurs of Board & Timber &c

Edward Emerson Sworn
Sam^ll Baylie Jun. Sworn
Thomas Simpkins Sworn
David Mason paid
Joseph Poumery: Sworn
Andrew Eliot paid
Sam^ll Gardner Refused
Willm Torry Sworn
} Clerks of Market.

Wm Greenlief Sworn
Benjā Demmon Sworn
Samuel Torry Junr Sworn
Bridges Read Sworn
} Hogreves.

[4.]

Walter Goodridge	Chosen Scavengers.
John Wolland	
Jeram^{a} Beknap	
Nathan^{ll} Gooding	
Edward Durant	
Sam^{ll} Rand	
Thomas Moffatt	
Joseph Turell	
Joseph Hasley	
David Melvell	
Mathew Adams	
William Salter	
Benja^{n} Emmans	
Andrew Tyler	
Benja^{n} Pollard	
Wm Cunningham	

Thomas Mitchel	Sworn	Constables
Ralph Smith -	Sworn	
Joseph Williams	Excus'd	
Joseph Rix -	Excus'd	
Jona^{n} Getchell -	Pay'd	
Knight Leveret -	Pay'd	
William Warner	Sworn	
Ebenezer Hough	Pay'd	
John Winslow	Sworn	

Voted That the Selectmen and Such as they Shall desire to Ac company them be the Inspectors of the Schools for the year Ensueing —

Voted That Co^{ll} Thomas Fitch, Co^{ll} Adam Winthrop; Co^{ll} Edward Hutchinson Nathan^{ll} Green Esq^{rs} & m^{r} Jacob Wendell or any three of them be A Comittee to Auditt the Treasurers Accounts for the year Ensuing —

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasurer be Alowed & Paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for His Service in the Said Office for the year Last past

Post Meridiem

In answar to the Petition for Paving in Comon Street &c

Voted a Grant of the Petition, Provided the Abutters do their part as usual.

On the Motion of m^{r} Nathan^{ll} Williams for Another Usher or Assistant in the School —

Voted That there be Alowed the Sum of Eighty Pounds for another Usher of the Said School, when A Sutable Person is Provided to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen as usual — The Money to be paid as usual from His being Intraduced —

In Answer To the Petition of m^{r} Peter Blin —

Voted that there be an Aditian to the Sallary of m^{r} Peter Blin for the year Ensuing The Sum of Twenty Pounds —

In Answar to the Petition for Laying out a Highway in the Common —

Voted That the Selectmen View the Place and Repor to the Next Meeting what they think is best to be don —

In Answar to A Proposal to Consider the Marsh in the Common

Voted that the Selectmen be desired to View the place and Report to the Next Meeting what they think advisable therein

Voted That the Selectmen be Surveyers of the Highways for the year Ensuing —

[5.] On the Petition about the Way in Summer Street

Voted That the Selectmen be desired to View the Said Street and the Circomstances of it and make Report to the next meeting what may be best to be don thereon

On the Petition for Paving in Sudbury Street & Cold lane —

Voted the Petition be granted on Usual Conditions —

John Billings	paid	chose Constables.
Charles Henly	Sworn	
Benjā Mason	Sworn	
Joseph Scott	pay	

In answar to The Constables Petition

Voted That the Assessors be Impowred to make Reasonable Abatement to the first day of June next —

On the Petition about Paving in Bennet Street.

Voted That the Selectmen View the Place and that they act therein what they Judge best:

On mr Samll Waldos Petition about Land at the Dock

Voted That that be left with the Selectmen to Consider it & Report to the next Meeting their thoughts thereon

On Wm Hollowells Petition About Milk Street Read and Dismist

Then the Meeting Adjornd till to Morrow Half an hour after two: in the After noon —

Benjā Neal - -	Sworn	Constables
Samll Oakes - -	Sworn	
Thomas Armstrong	Sworn	
John Holyoke	Excus'd	

Voted That the Selectmen for the time being further take care for the Repairing the Mill Bridge according to the Agreement with the Mill Owners

Voted That the Several Constables for the year Ensuing be Alowed the Sum of three pence upon the Pounds for Collecting the Rates, They paying in to the Several Treasurers, the One halfe of the Sums Comitted to them to Collect by the first day of February Next, and Compleat the whole by the first day of June next after.

messrs Samll Adams & Jonan Loring } Chosen Selectmen in the Room of mr John Baker & Jonas Waldo who Refused

mr Edward Procter	Sworn	Assessars —
mr John Tyler	Excus'd	

Nathanll Greenwood: :Sworn Constable

mr Wm Tyler Chose Assessar & Paid

Voted That the Sum of Three Hundred pounds out of the money to be Raised be Improved for Paving

Voted A Grant of four Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds To be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charges of the watch, Paving & Other Necessary Charges arising within and for the Town the Year Ensuing

Sundry Proposals Read Viz^{t}

Whether it might be for the Towns Intrest to make a well at the Town Dock — Voted the Cosideration to the Next Meeting

[**6.**] What may be don about Repairing the Wharf near the North Battery Improved by Sam^{ll} Clark

Voted That it be left for further Consideratian to the Next Meeting, And that the Selectmen in the Mean time be Desired to Enquire into and take the Proposals of any that Shall Appear & Offer and Report the Same to the Town:

On messu^{rs} Colman & Williams Petition about Paving in Cold Lane —

Voted That the Petition be Granted —

Upon a Motion made That the Town would take into Consideration the Extraordinary Circumstances of their present Representatives: After mature Deliberation thereon

For asmuch as the Last Sessions of the General Court was Continued to an unusual length Viz^{t} from the 24th of July last to the 20th of Decem^{r} Following, And from the 31th of Octo^{r} Last was held at Salem, Which Necessarily Exposed the Said Representatives to unusual Charge as well as great Fatigue and Hardship: And Whereas the Said Members have Behaved as Very Loyal Subjects to Our most Gratious Sovarine King George the Second, And Stedfastly Adhered to the Rights and Priviledges of the People of this Province, And haue bin hitherto Extraordinarily Prevented any Allowances

Therfore Voted That the Town Treasurer Pay to Each of the Representatives Their Respective allowances as Stated by Law And the Further Sum of One Hundred & Twenty Pounds to be Equally Divided between them —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House Tuesday May the 6th 1729 —

After Prayer by the Rev^{d} m^{r} Thomas Prince Elisha Cooke Esqr Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Sundry Petitions Read Viz^{t}

About a place for the Grainery

About m^{r} Peleg Wiswalls Sallary

About m^{r} Edward Mills Sallary

m^{r} Sam^{ll} Oakes Petition

m^{r} Jerā Condys Petition

The Selectmens Report of Sundry things left to them

Voted to Chuse 4 Representatives

The Number of Voters were - - 192

	votes.	
Elisha Cooke Esqr	188	Chose Representatives
m^{r} Thomas Cushing -	190	
m^{r} Ezek^{ll} Lewis -	190	
m^{r} Sam^{ll} Welles -	184	

Anno 1729

[7.] Voted To Chuse a Comittee to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives for their Acting at the General Court at their Approching Session, And to Lay them befor the Meeting in the Afternoon —

Voted: That John Alford Esqr mes^{rs} Henry Dering & Nath^{ll} Cunnigham be the Said Committee —

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants about the Situatian of the Grainery

Voted That m^{r} Moderator & the Selectmen be Joyned with the the Comittee appointed for Building the Grainery, Be desired to View the Place, And make Return of their Opinion thereof to the Meeting after Dinner this Day —

m^{r} John Jeffers	Excus'd	Chosen Assessors.
m^{r} Thomas Moffat	Excus'd	

Edward Maycomb -	Sworn	Clerks of the Market.
John Spooner - -	Sworn	
Nathan^{ll} Cobbit -	Sworn	

Post Meridiem.

Voted That the Grainery be Erected and Set up Rainging with the Line of the Burying place on the Comon fronting Eastward, The Said Building to be not Less then forty feet distant from the Sout Corner of the Brick wall of the Burying place —

m^{r} James Pemberton -	Pay	Assessors.
m^{r} James Watson -	Sworn	

In as much as the Gramer School at the North End of the Town of which m^{r} Peleg Wiswall is the Master is much Increaced in the Number of the Schollers, and that no Usher is alowed to assist him in his School:

Voted That there be an Additian of Forty Pounds to the Said m^{r} Wiswalls Salary —

Sam^{ll} Oakes Petition Read & Dismist —

In Answar to m^{r} Edward Mills His Petitian.

Voted That there be an Addition of Twenty Pounds to the Said m^{r} Edward Mills Sallary —

Upon A Motion made by Elisha Cook Esqr That the Dividing Line between the Towns Land in the Occupation of m^{r} Nathan^{ll} Williams and His Land on the East Side in School Street is for want of due Care become Crucked, intrenching both upon the One and the Others Land, That therfore they would Direct and Impwer the Selectmen to Rectifie that line as to them Seems Just and Equitable — And Further That they would be pleased to Accomodate him with about two feet of the Front of his Land next

m^r Williams on Such Terms as the Selectmen Shall Agree for with the Said m^r Cooke —

Read and Voted That it be left with the Selectmen to Act therein as they Judge Meet —

[8.] On the Petition of m^r Jeram̄ Condy for Addition to his Salary Voted that the Consideration of Said Petition be Referred for further Consideration to the Next Town Meeting, and That in the mean time Nathan^ll Green John Alford Esq^rs & m^r Thomas Cushing Junr are desired to Inspect the Several Wrighting Schools within this Town at Such time as they Shall think Advisable for the year Currant, And that they do in an Espesial Mañer Vizit m^r Condys School and Report to the Town at their Meeting the Ability and Industry of the Said m^r Condy and the Proficiency of the Schollers under His Tuition —

The Comittee this day chosen & Appointed to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives, for their Acting at the General Court at their Approching Session And to Lay before the Meeting in the afternoon — Return as Follows: Viz^t

To Elisha Cooke Esqr Messrs Thomas Cushing, Ezekiel Lewis & Samuel Welles: —

Gentlemen —

Your known Loyalty to His Present Majesty King George, and Sincear Atachment to the Successian in the Illustrious House of Hannover, Your Hearty Love to this Your native Country, Your Singuler Value for the Liberty & Propperty of this People, your Chearfull and Unamous Concurrance to promote our Best Intrist, And your Approved Integrity in those Publick Stations wherein you haue bin Employed, Haue fixed the Eyes of this Town on and Determined their Choice of you as Propper Persons to Represent them in the Next General Assembly Wherin they Expect That you behaue your Selves with your Wonted Zeal and Courage in Prossecuting those good Designes which may tend to the Peace & wellfair of these His Majestys Good Subjects, and Secure those Rights and Priviledges which by the Royal Charter we haue a Just claim to, and as Englishmen do of Right appertain to us, And agreable there unto we Recomend unto you in an Especial Manner —

That you Endeavor to Maintain all our Civil Rights & Propertys against any Incrochments upon them

That you Continue to Pay a due Regard to His Excellency Our Governor, and that you Endeavor that He may have an Honourable Support, But we desire at the Same time That you use your utmost Endeavor That the Honourable House of Representatives may not be by any means Prevailed upon or brought into the Fixing a Certain Sallary for any Certain time, But that they may Improve their usual freedom in granting their Money from time to time, as they Shall Judg the Province to be able, and in Such a manner as they Shall think most for the Benefit and advantage therof, And if your Pay Should be diverted you may Depend on all the Justice Imaginable from this Town whom you Represent: —

JOHN ALFORD
HENRY DERING } Com̄ittee
NATH^ll CUNINGHAM

[9.] The Foregoing Return of the Comitte was Presended Read Sundry times and

Voted Approved.

The Report of the Selectmen upon Several Votes of the Town at their Meeting the 10th of March 1728: were Read & Considred Vizt

The Selectmen haue Viewed the Marsh at the Bottom of the Comon, and not finding any Material use that can be made of it at the present, and Considering the Present Circomstances of the Town Are of Opinion it is best to ly in the Condition it now is.

Read and the Report Accepted —

Also Having Viewed Summer Street, We find it in a very bad Condition Since the Stoping of the Antient Water cource, And That there is no way to help it but by Paving —

Upon Condition the Abutters on Said Street as has bin Accustomed — It will be Convenient for the Town to Paue the Midle part, And do as much as can be conveniently don this Sumer

Read and Voted Accordingly —

As to the Proposals About Bennet Street — It is thought Convenient to be Paved if the Town thinke it Convenient to Raise Money for the Doing it at this Meeting.

Read, and Refer'd for further Consideration to the Next March Meeting

On the Petition of mr Samuel Waldo —

We think it not proper for the Town to Dispose of Such a peece of Land under their present Circomstances

Read and the Report Accepted —

As to the Repair of the Wharf at the North Battery —

It is thought Convenient — That mr Samll Clark be Ordered to Clear the Wharf And that the Town let it to Some Person that may Offer to Repair it And keep it in Repair for A term of years as the Selectmen Shall think Advisable

Read and Voted to be left with the Selectmen —

As for the Petition for Laying out a Highway in the Common —

We haue Viewed the Place, And in Favor of the Petitioners do think it Convenient to Measure off Thirty foot from mr Colsons Corner post, towards the School House and So A Straight Line to mr Sheafs, And there Sett off Thirty foot, for Said Way of the Towns Land, Provided the Petitioners make the Way Streight on their Side.

Read & Voted Rejected —

Voted That a Survey'd Plan be taken by Some Skillfull Surveyor or Surveyrs of the Lands of this Town belonging to the Town. In Order for the Same to be putt upon the Towns Records, to Prevent Incroachments on the Towns Intrest.

The Selectmen to take Care that this work be effected —

Voted That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town for Defraying the Towns Charge and more Espetialy Paving —

[10.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled

in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Wednesday — June the 11th 1729 —

m^r Jonathan Waldo Chosen Moderator for this Meeting:

m^r Jacob Sheaf was Chose Assessor for the year Ensuing

Whereas m^r Thomas Cushing, Nathan^ll Green Esqr and m^r Ezekiel Lewis, were on May the 8th 1727: —

Impoured and Directed to Prossecute in the Law all Such Persons as Shall be found Trespassers upon the Towns Land Claimed by the Late Eliak^u Hutchinson Esqr Deceaced.

Voted That the Said m^r Thomas Cushing, Nathan^ll Green Esqr and m^r Ezek^ll Lewis, Be further Desired & Impoured — to Prossecute the Same in the Law to Effect —

Voted To Reconsider, The Vote of the Sixth of may last past about placing the Grainery —

Voted That the Grainery be placed, According to the First Projection of the Committee appointed for Building the Grainery where the foundation is already Lay'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Monday the Second Day of February: 1729 —

After prayer by the Rev: m^r John Webb:

Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chose Moderator for this Meeting

The Questian was Put

Whether it be in the Power of the Town by Law to Raise Money to be Transmitted To the Agents of the House of Representatives in Great Britain as Pointed to in the Warrant:

Voted in the Negatiue:

Voters in the Negatiue	- -	161
Voters in the Afermatiue	-	91

The Question being Put whether there Should be any further Votes at this time put about this Matter Voted in the Afermatiue.

Voters for	- -	164
Voters against it	-	121

The Question being Put whether The Town will by A Vote Recomend a Voluntary Collection or Contrabution of Money to be Remitted to Francis Wilks & Jonathan Belcher Esq^rs to Enable them to Appear at the Court of Great Britain Agents in Behalf of the Honourable the House of Representatiue of this Province —

Voted in the Afermatiue, And that the Selectmen or Such as they Shall appoint be Desired & Impowred to Transact in that Affair.

[**11.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House on Monday March the 9th 1729 —

After Prayer by the Rev^d m^r Thomas Foxcroft —

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting —

Sundry Laws Against Imorality &c Read
Sundry Petitions and Motions, Read Viz^{t}
About Paving in Fish Street
About Paving in King Street
To Constables Petition
m^{r} Jeremiah Condys Motion
Sam^{ll} Checkley Esqr Chose Town Clerk & Sworn
Voted to Chuse seven Selectmen distinct from Assessors.

messurs:	Timothy Prout	Refused	Chose Selectmen
	Oxenbridge Thatcher		
	David Farnum -	Refused	
	John Hunt - -	Refused	
	Jona^{n} Williams -	Refused	
	Jona^{n} Loring - -		
	Samuel Adams -		

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chose Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing

Daniel Oliver, Esqr		Chose Overseers of the Poor
Timothy Clarke Esqr		
mess^{r} Samuel Greenwood		
Jeffery Bedgood		
Jona^{n} Jackson		
Jacob Wendall Esqr		
Jona^{n} Waldo -	Refused	

Voted that the Consideration of Inoculation be debated in the afternoon

Voted that the Meeting be Adjorned to three of the Clock in the afternoon —

Post Meridiem.

Voted to Chuse but eight Constables for the year Ensueing

Voted For a County Treasurer were 162 votes which were Sealed up by Constable Russell, and by Him were Delivered to the Clerke of the Peace then in the Meeting —

Voted That the Several Constables to be Chosen for the year Ensuing Shall be Alowed and Paid to them the Sum of three pence on the Pound for Collecting the Rates or Taxes that Shall be Comitted to them to Collect They paying in to the Several Treasurars the One halfe of the Sums Comitted to them by the first day of February Next and Compleat the whole by the first day of June Next Following

Voted That the Assessors be Impowred to make Reasonable Abatement untill the first day of June Next Coming —

John Frizel - -	- payd	Chosen Constables
John Barrel Junr -	Excus'd	
Samuel Miller - -	Excus'd	
Thomas Simkins -	Excus'd	
Joseph Rix - -	- Paid	
Jeremiah Allin - -	Excus'd	
Benjā Thwing - -	- Paid	
Sam^{ll} Kneeland - -	Excus'd	

[12.] John Ruck Esqr Chose overseer of the Poore

mess^rs Samuel White		Chose Selectmen
Joshua Chever		
John Colman	Refused	
Andrew Tyler		

John Wendall - -	Payd	Chose Constables
Isaac Dupee - - -	Paid	
James Beighton - -	paid	
Thomas Hill - - -	paid	
John Franklin - -	Sworn	
Thomas Ruck - -	Paid	
Benjam^n Swain - -	Paid	
George Campbel - -	paid	

Voted That mess^rs Andrew Tyler, John Colman & Henry Dering be a Comittee to Consider of & Provide Something Relating to Scavengers Petition and lay it before the Town for their Consideration at the Next Meeting

Voted to Chuse Seven Assessors for the year Ensueing

messu^rs Jonas Clarke - - - -	Chose Assessors
Caleb Lyman - - - -	
Jacob Sheaff - - - -	
Daniel Loring - - -	
James Watson - - -	
John Staniford - - -	
Thomas Lee - - - -	

Then the Meeting Adjorned till to Morro morning Eight of the Clock Tuesday March the 10th

Joshua Dodge - -	Sworn	Sealers of Leather
James Dawson - -	Sworn	
Thomas Townsend -	Sworn	
Silence Allin - -	Sworn	
Thomas Inches - -	Sworn	

Samuel Wardel	Sworn	Fence Viewers
Francis Wardel	Sworn	
Benja^n Russell	Sworn	
John Endicott		
Joshua Thornton		
Hopestil Foster - -	Sworn	
John Adams		

Edward Richards	Sworn	Vewers of Shingles Measurers of Boards and Timber &c—
Edward Moberly		
John Adams		
Joshua Thornton		
Joseph White		
William Young		
William Pain		
John Endicot		

Barth° Green - -	Sworn	Clerks of the Marke^t
John Blore	Sworn	
John Holyoke - -	Sworn	
Jona^n Willis		
Willm Custis	Sworn	
Jona^n Williams Jun	Sworn	
Abijah Adams	Sworn	
Joseph Rainger	Sworn	

[13.]

Charles Gyles	Chose Scavengers
Samuel Jones	
William Thwing	
John Wolland	
Jeram^a Belknap	
Benja^n Bridge	
John Bruster	
Henry Gibbs	
Joseph Scott	
Cord Wing	
John Endicott	
Isaac Dastorn	
James Cary	
John Buttolph	
Silence Allin	
Thomas Mostatt	

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasurer be alowed and Paid out of the Treasury the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for his Service in that office in the year past—

Voted Thomas Hutchinson Esqr m^r Ezek^{ll} Lewis m^r Wm Downs m^r Thos Cushing and m^r Henry Dering or any three of them be a Comitte to Audit the Treasurars Acco^{ll}s. for the year Ensueing

Voted That the Selectmen be Sirveyers of the High wayes for the year Ensueing

Voted That the Selectmen take Care to provide a Master for the North Writing School, and make a Return of their doings therein to the next Town Meeting—

Voted That there be Alowed and paid out of the Treasury the Sum of Forty Pounds towards Paying A Schoolmaster at Rumny Marsh for the year Ensueing he being A Sutable Person and attending it—

William Cox	Sworn	Chose Hogg reves
Daniel Pecker		
Caleb Ray		
Thomas Wheeler Jun	Sworn	

Francis Wells - -	Excused	Chose Constables
John Merrit - -	Sworn	
Icabod Rogers - -	Excused	
John Fisher - -	paid	
Oliver Lucas - -	Excused	
Thomas Flagg - -	Sworn	

Voted That the Selectmen and Such as they Shall desire to Acompany them be a Comitte to Visit the Publick Schools and that they direct mr Peter Blin to a more Constant & diligent application to discharge the Trust Comitted to him

Officers Chosen for Rumny Marsh Vizt

John Leathe	Constable	
Isaac Lewis	Sworn	Fence Vewars
Jacob Hacey		Fence Vewars
Nathanll Tuttle		Hogg reves
William Pain		Hogg reves
Jacob Chamberlin	Sealer of Leather	
William Webber	Sworn	Chose Constables
Samuel Henchman	pay	Chose Constables
John Osband	Excus'd	Chose Constables
John Deal	Excus'd	Chose Constables

Voted That the Meeting be Adjorned until three of the Clock after Noon —

[14.] On the Petition for Paving in King Street

Voted That a Sum not Exceeding Two Hundred Pounds be Alowed and Paid out of the Treasury to be Applyed for and towards the Raising the Pavement lying before mr Cooks Buildings in King Street that so the wast water may go over into the Bason. The Several Abutters paying their proportion as usual, The Money to be paid out of the Treasury by the Tax to be made in the year 1731 :

Voted That Bennet Street, together with an Alley lying on Said Street leading into Prince Street be paved. Provided the Several Abutters on Bennet Street pay two thirds of the whole Charge.

On the Petition for Paving in Fish Street.

Voted The Abutters paying the usual part The Town will do the Remander —

John Gridley	Sworn	Chose Constable
Jabez Hunt	Sworn	Chose Constable
John Kneeland Jun	Excused	Chose Constable

Voted That Elisha Cooke, Timo Clarke, Nathaniel Green John Ruck and Jacob Wendal Esqrs be a Comitte to Consider of the Petition of the Overseers of the Poore, and Make Return to the Next May Meeting what they think best to be don about it —

mr Benjamin Fitch is Chosen A Selectman.

Upon Reading a Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants and Free holders of the Town Dated the 24th of February past Adresed to the Selectmen To Insert a Clause in their Next Warrant for Calling a Town Meeting — That the Town Might Consult proper Methods for preventing the Spreading the Small Pox by Inoculation —

Since the Date of which Petition a Considerable Number of the Inhabitants within a few days past haue bin Inoculated, and Sundry Others are preparing therefore, In Consideration whereof the Town came into the Following Vote —

That it be Earnestly Recomended to the Inhabitants & Freeholders and in an Espesial Manner to Masters of Familyes. That all Proper care be taken That Such Persons as Shall for the Future be Inoculated for the Small Pox do Imediately keep in their Houses First giving notice to the Neighbourhood of Such their Designs, And that during the Opperation of the Distemper all proper Methods be taken to prevent it's Spreading, And that they would not Come or walke abroad in the Streets Lanes or Alleys within the Town untill their Incisions are well Clensed and Healed: Further That the Practitioners in Phisick would give to the Selectmen or to the Town Clerk the Number of Persons by them Inoculated once a week at least, with an Impartial Account of the Operation on their Several Patients in the Cource of their Inoculation —

Voted That the Selectmen be A Committe to Audit the Accounts of the Grainery, And make A Return thereof to the Next May Meeting

Voted also That the Selectmen Examine the Accounts of the Committe for Building the New Grainery & Make Return to May Meeting

John Taylor sworn } Chose Constables
Ebenez^r Clough Rope Maker paid }

mess^rs Jona^n Williams, Peter Thomas, & Josiah Byles: Chosen A Comitte to manage the Grain for the year Ensuing

William Coffin — & Excused Chose Constable

Then The Meeting Adjornd until to Moring, Nine of the Clock —

[15.] Wednesday March the 11th

Voted That the Comitte appointed to Prosecute to Effect in the Law the affair of the Towns of the House and Land at the Dock formerly Claimed by Eliakin Hutchinson Esqr Deceaced, Haue the Sum of Thirty Pounds put into their Hands to Carry it on, They to be Accountable to the Town for it —

William Peck - - paid —: Constable

Voted That the Consideration of Raising Money be Continued to the Next General Meeting —

Barth^o Green Jun Excused: Chose Constable
Benjā Langdon - - paid: Chose Constable
Joshua Gill- - - Excused: Chose Constable
Robert Headwin - - Excused: Chose Constable
Richard Salter - - - Chose Constable
and he Appealed to the Sessions - -
Peter L^eFort - - : Sworn: Chose Constable

Voted That the Selectmen be desired to waite upon the Honourable Thomas Fitch Esqr with the Thanks of the Town for his So free Lone of So much Money to the Town for the Purchasing of wheat for the Towns Use

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the

Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Tuesday May the 12th 1730:

After Prayer By the Revd mr Samll Checkley

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Sundry Petitions and Motions Read Vizt

Abijah Adams about a Ropewalk

Constables Petition

Old Constables Petition

A motion about Cord Wood

The Return of Sundry Committees

Voted to Chuse four Representatives

The Number of Voters were — 530

	Votes.
Elisha Cook Esqr	: 405
mr Thomas Cushing	: 403
mr Ezekll Lewis	— 410
mr Samuel Welles	: 387

were Chosen Representatives

Voted the Meeting be Adjorned till four of the Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem.

Capt John Osborn was Chosen A Selectman

mr Richard Buckley. Chose An Assessor

mr Benjamin Clough Chose a Clerk of the Market

mr Abijah Adams Petition about a Rope walk was Read and Dismist

The Present Constables Petition Read and Voted a Continuance for Consideration to the Next March Meeting

On the Petition of the Late Constables Read and Voted That it be So far Granted That if the Said Constables pay in to the Several Treasurors three Quarters of the whole Sums Comitted to them by the first day of June Next That then they Shall be Alowed

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[16.] One Month longer for the paying in the Remaing Quarter and be Entitled to the three pence on the Pound for Collecting And the Assessors power for abatments be Continued for the Said time.

On the Report of the Comittee about the Petition of the Overseers of the Poor which was as Follows

The Committee having Viewed the Several Buildings at the Almes House are of Opinion. That the most Sutable place for an Additional Building as Proposed will be at the North East End of the House of Correction, To Extend thirty feet in Length the Breadth & Height of the House, To Conform to the Old Building, which will Aford Six Rooms on the Lower flore & Six in the Chambers

ELISHA COOKE by Order & in behalf of the Comittee

Voted Accepted and Continued the Consideration of it to the Next March Meeting —

Upon the Report of the Comitte of the Petition of the Scavengers

Voted That the Carters Shall haue Eighteen pence Pr Lood for Carrying away the Dirt, And That the Scavengers haue power to order a bellman or Some Propper Person to warn the People to Rake up their Dirt, And that that Shall be as Effectual as if don by themselves, And That the Fines on the Carters for Neglect of Carrying away the Dirt be Augmented to Twenty Shillings —

And That the Selectmen be Desired to prepare A Draft to lay before the Next meeting in order to haue it past by the Sessions

Voted That the Vote of the Town of the 25th of June 1728. upon the Report of the Comittee about the Out Wharfs of May 14th 1728 be and is Renew, and Ordered That it be Comitted to the Representatives of this Town to Lay it before the General Court and That they be Desired to Endeavor to Procure an Act Accordingly

On the Report of the Comitte for Examining the Acco^tt for Building the New Grainery wherin the Ballance was in favour of the Comictee four Hundred Eighty Seven pounds three Shillings & Nine pence —

Voted That the Report be Accepted, And that the Said Sum of four Hundred Eighty Seven pounds three Shillings & Nine pence be paid to the Said Comittee out of the Town Treasury —

Voted That it be Refer'd to the Selectmen to Consider of what may be Sutable to Alowe the Comittee for their Care in Building the New Grainery, The Comittee for Buiyng of Grain, And m^r Jona^n Williams for taking Care of the Grainery Since the Death of m^r Galpin, And make Return to the Town at their Next meeting

The Meeting Adjorned til Tuseday May the 19th at four of the Clock P.M

Tuesday May the 19th 1730

Voted A Grant of fiue Thousand & five Hundred Pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants & Estates within this Town for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charg of the Watch, Paving and Other Necessary Charges arising within & for the Town the year Ensuing

[**17.**] At a Meting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston on Wednesday January the 20th 1730:

After Prayer By the Rev^nt m^r Joshua Gee.

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

Voted To Chuse four Representatives:

The Number of Voters were -		474
Elisha Cooke Esqr votes -	465	
m^r Thomas Cushing - -	471	
m^r Ezekiel Lewis - - -	470	
m^r Sam^ll Welles - - -	468	

were Chosen Representatives

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Monday the Eighth Day of March: 1730: —

After Prayers by the Rev^{d} m^{r} Sam^{ll} Checkley.

Elisha Cook Esqr was Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Sundry Laws against Imorallities &c Read —

Sundry Petitions Read & Motions Made: (Viz^{t})

About Paving in Salem Street
About Paving in And Near Cross Street
About Paving Near Sudbury Street
About Paving near Ann Street Leading to the Wharf
About A new Lane from Queen Street —
Armstrongs Peetion for Alowance
The Constables Petition for Further Alowance
North & South Schools about Schooll Masters

Sam^{ll} Checkley Esqr Chose Town Clerk & Sworn

Voted To Chuse Assessors distinct from Selectmen

Voted to Chuse Seven Selectmen

messu^{rs} Jonathan Loring
Sam^{ll} Adams
Benjā Fitch
Sam^{ll} White
Joshua Chever
Andrew Tyler
John Osborn
} Chosen Selectmen

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chose Town Treasurer

Voted to Chuse Sixteen Constables

Voted to Chuse Seven Overseers of the Poor —

[18.] Daniel Oliver Esqr
Timothy Clark Esqr
John Ruck — Esqr
Jacob Wendall Esqr
m^{r} Jeffry Bedgood
m^{r} Jona^{n} Jackson
m^{r} Sam^{ll} Greenwood
} Chose Overseers of the Poor

Then the Meeting Adjorned untill Three of the Clock afternoon

Officers for Rumny Marsh Chose Viz^{t}

Daniel Watts: Constable

John Floyd
Sam^{ll} Tuttle
} Fence Viewars

Robert Weite
Nathan Sergent
} Hogg Reves

Nathan Chever — Sealer of Leather

Silence Allin
Thomas Inches
Nathan^{ll} Hodgden
Joshua Dodge
James Pennyman
} Sealers of Leathe^{r}

Joseph Rix
Francis Wardell
John Homer
Thomas Foster
Joseph Russell
John Adams
Hopestill Foster
} Fence Viewers

John Indicott
Edward Moberly
Edward Richards
Joseph White
Joshua Thornton
William Eustus
William Pain
} Surveyors of Board &c, & Viewers of Shingles —

James Pecker
Thomas Person
Icabod Rogers
John Melecan Junr
Wm Darington
Solamon Kneland Junr
Samuel Wardell
John Allin Cord wainer
} Clerks of the Market

[19.] George Skinner
Edward Marion
Robert Pattishall
James Cary
John Buttolph
Henry Howel
John Helier
W Thyng
Henry Gibbs
John Wolland
Benja^n Bridge
Thos Brooks
Wm Fierfield
Cord Wing
Richard Hubbard
John Bennet Hatter
} Scavangers —

Voted That the Selectmen be the Surveyers of the Highwayes

Votes for A County Regester Brought in 220 Votes Numbred and Sealed up Constable Jabez Hunt to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the Sessions.

Votes for the County Treasurer Brought in: 149 Votes Numbred & Sealed up by Constable Jabez Hunt to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace for the Sessions

messu^rs Jonas Clark
Caleb Lyman
Daniel Loring
James Watson
John Stanford
Peter Thomas
Willm Parkman
} Chose Assessors

Excused	Elijah Collings	Chose Constables
payd	— Alford Butler	
payd	— Charles Giles —	
Sworn	— Jeramiah Hall	
Sworn	— John Spooner	
Sworn	— Jona^{n} Williams Junr	
Sworn	— Edward Vail	
Sworn	Nathan^{ll} Cobbet	
Paid	— Benjā Clark	
paid	— Andrew Oliver	
Sworn	— Edward Langdon	
paid	— Jeram^{a} Allin	
Sworn	— William Hall	
Sworn	James Dawson	

Voted That this Meeting be Adjorned to tomorning at Eight of the Clock —

John Mortimore	Chose Hoggreves
David Mason	
William Olive	
Dudson Killcop	

Voted That the Selectmen & Such as they Shal desire to Accompany them be a Comitte to Vizit the Free Shooles for the year Ensueing

[20.] Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasurer be Alowed and paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for His Service in that Office the year Last past

Voted That the Assessor for the year last past be Impowred to make Reasonable Abatements untill the first day of June Next —

Voted That the Constables for the year next Ensueing haue three pence on the Pound Alowed them, for Collecting the Rates, Provided they Pay it to the Several Treasurers One half of the Sums Comitted to them to Collect by the first day of Feb^{r} Next And Compleat the Whole by the first day of June next Following —

Messrs John Jeffries, Cornelius Waldo, Habijah Savage Esq^{rs}, Edward Bromfield Junr & m^{r} John Hunt or any three of them be a Comitte to Audit the Treasurers Acco^{tt}s for the year Ensueing. —

Excused	Benjā Russell	Chose Constables
Sworn	Robert Jarvis	
Sworn	Benjā Procter	
Sworn	Sam^{ll} Parkman	
Excused	Isaac Casno	
paid	John Pinkny	Chose Constables
payd	John Holyoke	
Sworn	James Day	
paid	Zech^{a} Johonet	
Sworn	Thomas Clough	

Voted That the Petitions for Paving Viz^{t}

For Salem Street
For Part of Cross Street &c
For that Leading to Wentworths Wharf
For Sudbery Street

Should be Continued for Consideratian unto the General Meeting in March Next —

Armstrongs Petition for Alowance Read & Dismist

The Constables Petition for further Alowance of May the 12th Read and Dismist

The Constables Petitian for further Alowance for Collecting Rates was also Read & Dismist —

[21.] Excused Medlecot Cooke } Chose Constables
Pay^d Jeramiah Green }
pay John Compton } Chose Constables
Excusd John Trayle }

Voted That the Consideration of Raising money be Continued to the Next General Meeting for Chusing Representatives

Upon the Afair of A School master for the North Writing School According to the Town Vote directing them

The Selectmen now Report That they haue Indeavored to find a meet person for the Said School and Return m^r John Procter as a meet Person for that place

Voted the Said Report accepted And that the Selectmen Intraduce him into the Said place Accordingly —

The Selectmen also then Recomended m^r Sam^ll Allin as a fitt person to be the master of the South Writing School

The Report was Voted Accepted And That He the Said Samuel Allin be Master of the said School Accordingly

Sworn — Jeramiah Wheelwright }
Sworn — Joseph Pomroy - - } Chose Constables
pay — John Kneland Junr - }

About The Votes and Petition Relating to A New Way from Queen Street to School Street

Voted That the A fair be left with the Selectmen to view it and Consider of it And make Return of Their Thoughts about it to the to the Next General Meeting for Chusing Representatives

Voted That m^r Jonathan Williams be Alowed and paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of Seventy Pounds Pr Annum for His Service in Managing the Grainery Since the Death of m^r Galpin

Voted Furthe^r That m^r Jonathan Williams haue Further more paid Him Ten Pounds more Pr Annum which makes Eighty Pounds Pr Annum from m^r Galpins Death —

Voted That the Selectmen be Desired and Impowred of Keeping the Swing Bridge in Repair at the Charg of the Town untill the Town Secause to Order it Otherwise —

Voted That the Consideration of the Other Matters in the Warrant Refered to be Continued to the Next General Town Meeting for Chusing Representatives —

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[22.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Wednesday May the fifth: 1731 —

After Prayer By the Revd m^r Joseph Sewall

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Sundry Petitions were Read & Motions made Viz[t]
m[r] John Wheelwright About Pavement
m[r] Peleg Wiswalls Memorial
m[r] Jeramiah Gridleys .
Sundry Inhabitants about a way
Constables Petition

A Motion was made That Such Persons as Shall be Chose to Represent them may Have Instructions given them —

Voted to Chuse 4 : Representatives

Number of Voters were 450

Elisha Cook Esq[r] Votes	.	391
m[r] Thomas Cushing	-	442
m[r] Ezekiel Lewis	-	402
m[r] Samuel Welles	-	366

were Chosen Representatives

On the Petition of M[r] Peleg Wiswal

Voted That there be Added to His Sallary the Sum of Fifty Pounds for the year Currant :

On the Petition of m[r] Jeramiah Gridley

Voted That an Addition of Twenty Pounds be added to His Salary for the year Currant.

Voted A Grant of Six Thousand Pounds be Raised on the Inhabitants And Estates within this Town for Releif of the Poo[r], defraying the Charge of the Watches, Paving, and Other Necessary Charges ariseing within and for the Said Town for the year Ensueing.

Voted To Chuse a Comittee to draw up Instruction for the Representatives of this Town now Chosen, To present to the Town for their Consideration at the Adjornment.

Voted That, m[r] Edward Bromfield, m[r] Nathan[ll] Cunningham, Hugh Hall Esq[r], m[r] Sam[ll] White, m[r] Samuel Adams, m[r] Oxenbridg. Thatche[r] m[r] Thomas Cushing Jun[r] & Co[ll] Habijah Savage Esq[r] be the Said Comittee :

Voted That this Meeting be Adjorned to three of the Clock after noon : & being met

John Flower was Chose Clerk of the Market for the year Esuing

[23.] On the Petition of the Constables for the year last past for further time to be alowed them for paying in their Rates

Voted That it be So for granted, That if the Said Constables pay in to the Several Treasurars, Three quarters of the whole Sums Comitted to them to Collect by the first day of June next, That then they be alowed untill the first day of August to pay in the Remaining quarter part,. And Shall then be alowed three pence on the pound for Collecting the Same, And The Assessors Power for Abatements be continued to the Said Time —

Voted That the Selectmen be desired, and Impowred to Enquire into the Incrochments on the North Side of the Long Wharf,

And also of the Afair of m[r] Brattle Olive[r] near the South Batry, and make Report to the Town at the Adjorment of this Meeting.

On the Petition of m[r] John Wheelwright for Alowance of of His Acco[tt] for Paving in King Street :

Voted That his Acco^{tt} be Alowed and That the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighteen Pounds five Shillings & Seven pence be paid to the Said John Wheelwright out of the Money, to be Raised for the present year, In full discharge for the Said Paving —

On the Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants about a way near Love Street

Voted That the Selectmen do Enquire into the Premisses, and Report whether in their Opinion, it may be for the Benifit of the Town to haue a High way there, and Treat with the owners for that purpose, And make Report to the Town the Next Adjornment of this Meeting —

The Town being now Advised That the time by Law for bringing forward an Action of Reveiw for the Recovery of Possession of A Warehouse clamed by the Heirs of Elia^{n} Hutchinson Esqr Deceaced; will Expire August Next. —

Voted That m^{r} Thomas Cushing, Nath^{ll} Green Esqr & m^{r} Ezek^{ll} Lewis The Comitte to whome that afair was betrusted, be Desired to bring forward Such Writt of Reveiw, and That they Endeavor there may be no failure in duly & Seasonably Prosecuting that Action to Effect in the Law:

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasu^{r} be desired and is hereby Impowred To bring Writts of Trespass & Ejectment against Such Persons who are in Possession of the Old Shops or Buildings, near the Town Dock, And Prossecute to Effect Such Actions against Such as Shall Refuse to Surrender to the Town Such buildings & Land on which they Stand —

Voted That this Meeting be Adjorned to Tuesday the Eighteenth day of May Currant at three of the Clock after noon

[24.] Tuesday May the 18th 1731.

A Comittee having bin Appointed On Wednesday May the fifth Currant to draw up Instructions, for the Representatives of the Town then Chosen, To present to the Town for their Consideration at the Adjornment.

Pursuant to the aboue vote the Comitte haue drawn the Following Instructions, which they Apprehend may be propper for the Town to give to the Gentlemen Chosen to Represent them in the Next General Assembly (Viz^{t})

To the Hono^{ble} Elisha Cooke Esqr m^{r} Thomas Cushing m^{r} Ezek^{ll} Lewis and m^{r} Sam^{ll} Welles:

Gentlemen; Under a Full Aprehention of your Loyalty and Dutyfull Regard to His Present Majesty King George, Your Firm Attachment to the Succession in the Illustrous House of Hanover Your Penetration to Discover, and Integrity to Pursue the Publick Intrest of this Province, We haue again Chosen you to Represent us in the Next General Assembly, And what we Expect from you is That in this Important Trust you Steadily, and with a Propper Zeal and Courage Pursue those things that may Conduce to the Honour of His Majestys Goverment here; and the weal of this People which we Aprahend inseperable: And in A Perticuler manner we earnestly recommend to you

That you use your utmost Endeavor That the Great Priviledges

we Enjoy by the English Constitution & the Royal Charter, May be preserved from all Encrochments, And so handed Down to Succeeding Assemblys —

That you Continue to Express Such A Dutyfull Regard to His Majestys Governo^{r}, as Shall become the Representatives of A Loyal People, And That you use your Intrest That He haue an Hono^{ble} Support Sutable to the Dignity of His Station and the Present Circomstances of this Province —

In as much as we are Aprehensive That the Fixing the Gover^{rs} Sallery may Intradue Consequences full of Distress, and Perplexity, we Confide in, And Rely upon you to Exert your Utmost power and Influence To prevent the Passing any Bill —

In the Honourable House of Representatives, Relating to His Support which may Setle the Salary for any Limited time or that may Prevent: Obstruct or any way Impeade future Assemblys from Acting in that A fair with the Same freedom former Assemblys haue Enjoyed —

OXENBRIDG THATCHER
SAM^{LL} ADAMS
THOMAS CUSHING JUR^{R}
HABIJA SAVAGE
EDWARD BROMIELD JUN^{R}
NATHAN^{LL} CUNINGHAM

[**25.**] This Report was Read Sundry times Debated & Accepted And also Voted That these Instructions be Recomended to the Representatives of this Town at the Session and Sessions during this Court—

On the Petition of Sundry Persons for laying out a new way from Queen Street to School Street, And was left to the Selectmen the Eighth of March last to Veiw & Consider of it, And make Return of their Thoughts About it the Next General Meeting to Chuse Representatives.

Having Veiwed The Land Petition for: We are of Opinion That not withstanding the Petitioners at their Own Charge, are willing to make the Necessary Alterations; yet it is not for the Intrest of the Town to Lay out Said Passage way, for that their Advantage therein will no way Countervail their Loss in the Land, nor their Constant Charg that will unavoydable Acue to the Town thereby.

JONA^{N} LORING In behalf of the Comittee

Boston May the 5th 1731 —

Voted this Report Accepted—

At a Meeting of The Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Monday May 31th 1731

After Prayer by the Rev^{t} m^{r} Thomas Prince

Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Number of Voters were - - - -		297:
		Votes.
m^{r} Oxenbridg Thatcher & - -		192
m^{r} Thomas Cushing Junr - -		204

were Chosen for Representative in the Room and Stead of Thomas Cushing & Ezek^{ll} Lewis Esq^{rs} who on the Annoversary Election were Chosen Councellar or Assistants for this Province —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regurly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Monday August the Second: 1731:

m^{r} Jonathan Williams was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting —

The Report of the Selectmen Appointed to Consider of A way near Love Street, Make their Report as Follows, Viz^{t} Pursuant to the Vote of the Town on May the 5th last past.— We haue Viewed Love Street, And are of Opinion that it is for the Intrest of the Town as well as for the Accomodation of A Larg Neighbourhood, That Said Street be carryed through to Salem Street, But finding a Difficulty in treating with the [**26.**] Gentlemen concerned, we desire that (if they think fitt) The Inhabitants of the Town, would Desire, That the Gentlemen Justices belonging to this Town and the disintrested Selectmen may lay out the Said Street, so as may best Accomodate the Town and the Owners of the Land

Boston June the 30th 1731.

Benja^{N} Fitch
Sam^{LL} White
Joshua Chever
Andrew Tyler

This Report was Sundry times Read & Voted Accepted.

Also on the Affair of m^{r} Brattle Oliver near the South Batry, The Selectmen Reported as Follows Viz^{t}

We are of Opinion That the Wharf Latly Rebuilt by m^{r} Brattle Oliver, upon the Southerly End of the Out Wharf or Barricado near the South Sconce or Battry (So called) of Right belongs to the Town of Boston, being as we apprehend the Same which was Subscribed for and Built by the Late Honou^{ble} Governor Leveret in the year 1673: for the use of Said Sconce in this Town and on their behalf, And inasmuch as the Said Out Wharfs Continue in a very Ruinous Condition, And there is no present prospect of A Speedy Repair, which we look on to be Contrary to the true Intent of the Antient Grant of the Flatts before the Town, to the Gentlemen that were then Undertakers, And also very much to the Damage of the Town, We are further of Opinion that it would be Advisable for the Town to take into Consideration the Reports of the Comittee Appointed Anno: 1728 — To Inspect the Ruenous Condition of the Said Out Wharfs And the Honou^{ble} the Representatives of this Town as then be again Desired to Lay the Same before the General Court for their Confermation, And in the meantime That the Town who by the Hono^{ble} Governor Leveret aforesaid Subscribed for Seventy fiue feet in Said Undertaking Appoint A Comitte to Indeavor a meeting of the Proprietors of Said Wharf in Order to Know their Several parts or Shares Subscribed for and Built, And in Special that the part belonging to the Town may be made Certain and so Rendered Benefitial. Which Report was Read &

Voted and That the Report of the Comitte Appointed in the

year 1728 To Inspect the Ruenous Condition of the Out Wharfs be Revived and Comitted to the Representatives of this Town and that they be Desired to Indeavor A Confermation thereof

Also about the Incrochments of the North Side of the Long Wharf Comitted to the Selectmen to Enquire into

[27.] They make their Report as follows Viz^t

We haue also Viewed the Long Wharf, find that there are Several Aditions made on the north Side thereof Viz^t By m^r Selby, m^r Pitson, m^r Gerrish & Co^ll Minot, for which in our Opinion, They haue no Authority in the Grant of the Flatts made by the Town to the Proprietors of the Long Wharf aforesaid, In as much as the Said Proprietors haue before Built Out the full width Assigned them by the Town for that Service —

Boston July the 30th 1731

JONATHAN LORING
SAMUEL ADAMS
BENJA^N FITCH
SAM^LL WHITE
JOSHUA CHEVER
ANDREW TYLOR

Which Report was also Read and Voted and also Voted That A Comittee be Chosen to Inquire into the Said Incrochments and Prossecute them in the Law to Effect

Voted That mess^rs Thomas Brooks, George Craddock, & Edward Pell be the Said Committee

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston On Tuesday September the 14th 1731 :

After Prayer by the Rev^t m^r John Webb.

Habijah Savage Esqr was Chose to be Moderator for this Meeting

Proposed to Consider About Reparing m^r Nathaniel Williams His Kitchen &c —

In Answer to the Earnest Desire of the Honourable House of Representatives —

Voted an Intire Satisfaction in the Town in the late Conduct of their Representatives in Endeavoring to preserue their Valuable Priviledges, And Pray their further Endeavors therein —

Voted. That the Afair of Repairing of the Wharff leading to the North Battrey. be left with the Selectmen to do therein as they Judge best —

[28.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitant of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regurly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston Monday the Thirteent day of March = 1731 =

After Prayer By the Rev^t m^r Peter Thatcher

Elisha Cooke Esqr is Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Sundry Laws against Imorality &c Read

Sundry Petitions and Motions Read — Viz^t

of Richard Whiterage
of Rumny Marsh
of Sam^{ll} Watts
of Elisabeth Smith
of the Sextons
About Green Lane
of The Truckmen
of m^{r} John Procter
The Selectmens Report Aboue Love Street
For Paving in Winter Street
A motion of Constables for Alowance

Sam^{ll} Checkley Esqr Chosen Town Clerk, was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of His Office By Elisha Cook J Peace

Voted to Chuse Assessors distinct from Selectmen

Voted To Chuse 7 : Selectmen

mess^{rs}	Sam^{ll} Adams - - -	Chosen Selectmen
	Sam^{ll} White - - -	
	Joshua Cheever - - -	
	Benjā Fitch - - -	
	Andrew Tyler - - -	
	Edward Bromfield - -	
	William Downe - - -	

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chosen Town Treasurer & Sworn

Voted to Chuse 16 : Constables within the Town —

Rumny Marsh Officers Chosen Viz—

Sam^{ll} Pratt : - - Constable Sworn
Sam : Tuttle : × Jacob Chamberlin : Fence Vewers
Thomas Eustis : & Benja Whetemare : Hog reves
Nathan Cheever Sealed of Leather —

[29.]

Dudson Killcop :	pay	Chosen Constables
John Smith Junr -	pay	
George Sherror -	Sworn	
Daved Mason -	pay	
Benja^{n} Russel -	Sworn	
John Orsborn -	Excus'd	
Thomas Hancock -	pay	
John Henderson -	pay	
John Corser -	Sworn	
Isaac Walker -	pay	
James Houden -	pay	
Benja^{n} Fanuel -	pay	
Sam^{ll} Hayley -	pay	
Alexan^{r} Foresyth -	pay	

On the Petition of Rumny Marsh —

Voted That there be An Alowance to A Sutable Schoolmaster for the Present year Twenty pounds Adition to the Salary which Makes Sixty pounds —

On the Petition of m^{r} John Procter

Voted That there be an Adition made of Sixty pounds to His Salary for the year Curnant

Hopestil Foster	Sworn	Chosen Constables
Charles Coffin -	pay	
Richard Billings -	pay	
Joseph Grant -	pay	
Increase Blake -	pay	
Capt John Steel	Excused	
John Little -	Excused	
Christopher Kilbey -	pay	
Jacob Hurd -	pay	
Edmond Quinsy -	pay	
Ebenezer Storer -	pay	

Voted to Chuse Seven Overseers of the Poor

Tim^{o} Clark Esqr	Chosen Overseers of the Poor
John Ruck Esqr	
m^{r} John Hunt	
m^{r} Sam^{ll} Greenwood	
m^{r} Jona^{n} Jackson	
m^{r} Jeffry Bedgood	
m^{r} Henry Dering	

Voted to Chuse Seven Assessors —

The Selectmen Made A Motion to the Town to Chuse Tythingmen.

[30.] mess^{rs} Caleb Lyman Excused

James Watson	Chosen Assessors.
Jonas Clark	
Daniel Loring	
Jacob Sheaf	
Richard Buckley	
John Stamford	
Peter Thomas	

Voted That the Selectmen be Desired to Vizit the Publick Schools taking with them Such as they Desire to Accompany them and make Returns of their Doings to the Town at their Meeting —

Josiah Carter -	Sworn	Chosen Sealers of Leather
Joshua Dodge -	Sworn	
Benja^{n} Babbage -	Sworn	
Nathan^{ll} Hodgden -	Sworn	
Thomas Inches -	Sworn	

Francis Wardel -	Chosen Fence Viewers
John Endicot	
Joseph Rix	
James Barnet	
John Pearce	
Moses Ayres	
Roger Stainer	

Jacob Davis	-	Excused	Chosen Constables
Sam^{ll} Hood Junr	-	pay	
Joshua Townsend	-	Sworn	
James Collings	-	pay	
Thomas Jones	-	pay	
Robert Tompson	-	Sworn	
Nathan^{ll} Ayres	-	Sworn	
Sam^{ll} Jackson	-	Excused	
Sampson Salter	-	Sworn	
Sam^{ll} Kneeland	-	Sworn	
Caleb Parker	-	pay	
Nathan^{ll} Thwing	-	Excused	

Voted for the County Treasurer were 173 Votes, Numbred By Constable James Dawson Sealed up and Delivered to Him to be delivered to the Clerk of the Sessions

About the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Enlarging the Street in Green Lane The Petioners Paying the Charge

Voted According to the Petition the Petitioners Paying the Charges.

On the Petition of Sam^{ll} Watts: was Read & Dismist

Richard Whiterage Petion was Read & Dismist —

[**31.**] On A Motion of Several Sextons —

Voted That James Williams be Directed to Apply him Self to the Selectmen, And they be Desired to State to Him the Prizes for Diging Graves and Opening Toombs &c in the Two Southern Burying Places —

On the Petition of the Truckmen and Others

Voted That the Selectmen be Desired to Consider that Petition and make Report what may best be don about it at the Next meeting —

Jacob Holyoke	-	pay	Chosen Constables
Robert Williams	-	Excused	
Robert Jenkins	-	Excusd	
Thomas Lee Junr	-	pay	
Elijah Collings	-	pay	

About the Memoriah of Several Inhabitants About the way in Love Street —

The Selectmen being Appointed to Vew the Said Place and make a Report, Which They Reported to this Meeting And was Dated the Eighth of March Currant: Which Report was Read Several times and Debated.

Voted The Return of the Selectmen Accepted —

William Eustis	-	Sworn	Chosen Constables
Wm Rydoubt	-	Sworn	
Hugh Scott	-	Excus'd	
Huah Mackdaniel:		Sworn	
Peter Brittin		Sworn	
Nicholas Salisbery	-	Sworn	

Voted That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasurer be Alowed and paid out of the Town Treasury the Sum of One Hundred pounds for His Service in that office the year last past —

William Pain	Sworn	Chosen Measurers of Boards Timber &c
Edward Moberly	Sworn	
Francis More	Sworn	
Willm Parkman		
Joshua Thornton	Sworn	
Isaac White	Sworn	
John Leech -	Sworn	
Ephraim Copeland	Sworn	Chosen Hogg reeves
Thomas Wardel		
William Owen -	Sworn	
Thornton Barret	Sworn	

Voted That mes^{rs} Joshua Winslow, Nathan^{ll} Cunningham, George Crodock John Jeffries & Willm Tyler or Any three of them be A Comittee to Audit the Treas^{r} Acco$^{tt}_{s}$ for the year Ensueing —

[32.] Theopilus Lilly:	Paid	Chose Clerks of the Market
Mathew Barnet	Sworn	
John Damer - -	Sworn	
Sam^{ll} Collings -	Sworn	
Alexan^{r} Parkman	Sworn	
James Bradford	paid	
Benjā Walcot:	Sworn	
Sam^{ll} Jackson	Sworn	

Jona^{n} Farnum	Chosen Scavengers
Nathan^{ll} Garner	
John Taylor	
Henry Gibbs	
John Welland	
Edward Emerson	
John Hill	
Joseph Webb	
Nathan^{ll} Barber	
Willm Dorenton	

Voted A Grant of Five Thousands Pounds on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, For Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charge of the Watches, Paving, And Other Necessary Charges arising within and for the Said Town for the year Ensueing —

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitents for Paving in Salem Street.

Voted According to the Petition, And that the Selectmen be Impowred to Act Accordingly, The Abutters doing their part as Usually —

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants About paving near Cross Street —

Voted According to the Petition And That it be left with the Selectmen to Act therein as they find Reasonable

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving in Winter Street

Voted That the Selectmen Take Care that the Towns Part of Winter Street be Repaired at the Cost and Charges of the Town, The Several Abutters paying their proportionable part of the Street as is Accustomary —

The work to be Erected when there Shall be Money Raised for

Paving over and Aboue the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Already voted at this Meeting for that purpose —

[**33.**] Voted That the Selectmen be Desired and Impowred to tak Effectual care that the Highways within the Town of Boston, more Espetially those in the District of Rumny Marsh be keep in good and Sufficient Repair

William Torry -	Excusd	were Chosen Constables
Joseph Rainger -	Excusd	
Andrew Frizwell -	Sworn	

Voted That the Assessors for the year last past be Impowred to make Reasonable Abatement untill the first day of June next.

Voted That the Constables for the year next Ensuing haue three pence on the Pound alowed them for Collecting the Rates — Provided they pay it to the Several Treasurors One half of the Sums Comitted to them to Collect by the first day of February next, and Compleat the whole by the first day of June next Following

Voted That the Affair of the Old Shops on the Dock be Continued for Consideration unto the Next meeting.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitant of the Town of Boston Duly Qulified being Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House in Boston Wednesday May the Tenth 1732 —

After Prayr by the Rev^{t} m^{r} Welsted.

Sam^{ll} Welles Esqr was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting —

Several Petitions were Read Viz^{t}
Of Sam^{ll} Sewall Esqr
One About the North Writing Scholl
of Doc^{r} Zabdiel Boylston
Of Richard Whittraage
Of John Lovel:

Voted to Chuse: 4 Representatives

Number of Voters were - - - - - 655

Samuel Welles Esqr	537	Chosen Representatives
m^{r} Thomas Cushing Jun - -	554	
Habijah Savage Esqr - -	332	

Voted The Meeting Adjorne to four A Clock after Noon — the Met

Number of Voters were 649

Elisha Cooke Esqr — 346: Chosen A Representative

Voted To Chuse A Comittee to Draw up Instructions for the Representatives of this Town Now Chosen To pesent to the Town for their Consideration at the Adjornment of this Meeting —

Anno Domini 1732: May 10th.

[**34.**] Voted That the Instructions Should be upon the Following Heads Viz^{t}

About The Governors Support According to His Majestys Instructions —

And About the Method for Supplying the Treasury And also About the Unappropriated Lands of the Late Colony of the Massachusets Bay of New Plimouth and of the Province of Main —

Voted That there be Fiue Persons Chosen to be of the Said Comittee.

Voted That mr Nathaniel Cunningham mr Samuel Waldo Henry Dering Esqr mr Edward Bromfield & mr Thomas Brooks be the Said Committee

Voted That the Comittee Appointed to Prossecute the Tressepassers on the north Side of the Long Wharf Suffer Themselves to be Non Suted in the Several Actions already Comensed

Jacob Griggs: Sworn: Chose A Constable
Joseph Snelling - paid } Clerks of the Market
Jonan Farnum- Sworn }

On the Petition of the Constables for the year last past for further time to be Alowed them for paying in their Rates

Voted That it be So far Granted That if the Said Constables pay in to the Several Treasurors Three Quarters of the Whole Sums Committed to them to Collect by the First day of June Next, That then they be Alowed untill the first day of August to pay in the Remaining Quarter part, And Shall then be Alowed three pence on the pound for Collecting the Same And The Assessors Power for Abatement be Continued to the Same time —

Voted That This Meeting be Adjorned To Wednesday the Seventeenth day of May Currant at four of the Clock After noon —

May the 17th 1732

The Committee Chosen and Appointed May the 10th to draw up Instructions for the Representatives Presented a Draft of of them upon the Several Heads Directed to —

Which were as Follows Vizt

[35.] At A Publick Town Meeting at Boston upon Wednesday the 10th Day of May 1732 —

mr Nathanll Cunningham, Henry Deering Esqr mr Samuel Waldo, mr Edward Bromfield and mr Thomas Brooks —

Were Chosen A Committe To Prepare Instructions for the Representatives, And Lay them before the Town for their Aprobation at the Adjorment May the 17th Currant —

Presented as Follows Vizt

To Elisha Cooke Esqr Samuel Welles Esqr Habijah Savage Esqr & mr Thomas Cushing Jun.

Gentlemen

We the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Regulerly Assembled. In Confidence of your Integrity, Wisdom and Courage, Have Chosen you to Represent us in the Great and General Court of this Province for the year Insuing. And althô we do not in the Least Question your Faithfullness to the True Intrest of this Province in Generall as well as to the Trade and Business of this Town in Perticuler, Yet Esteeming it our Duty in this unhappy Juncture (where in Our Laws, Liberties, & Properties are in the Greatest Danger) Earnestly to Request of you to Exert all your Powers in Conjunction with the other worthy Members of the Honourable House of Representatives To Guard against and Defend us from all Incroachments whatsoever, That may be attempted against our natural

Rights or Charter Priviledges, And that our minds may be always Present in your Thoughts. We would more Perticulerly Recommend to you.

1st That you use your utmost Endeavor, That His Excellency our Governour Have an Honourable Support Sutable to the Dignity of His Station and the Circomstances of this Province. And in as much as we are aprehensive that the fixing a Salary on the Governour may Produce fatal Consequences, we confide in and Rely upon you to Exert your utmost power and Influence to prevent the Passing any Bill in the Honourable House of Representatives Relating to His Support which may Setle the Salary for any Limitted Time or that may Prevent Obstruct or any ways Impede Future Assemblys from acting with the Same freedom former assemblys have Enjoyed.

2ly We Earnestly Recommend to you the Care of the Treasury, And that you use your utmost Endeavor That it be Supplyed with Such Sufficient Sums of Money as is necessary to answar the Great Charge of the Province both Past and Future, and we depend upon you That it be Don after such a manner as is Consistant [**36.**] with the Safety of this Province, and the Preservation of our Rights and Priviledges; And in as much as the Charter gives the Great and General Court full power to Support the Government Here by Enacting Such Laws and Ordinances as they in their Great Wisdom Shall Judge best Adapted to Subserve the true Intrest of His Majestys Good Subjects of this Province A Complyance with His Majesties Instructions would Enevitably Clash with the Power of making Laws, and Deprive this People of one of the most valuable Priviledges Held and Enjoyed by the Charter.

We therefore Enjoyn you to Oppose any Bill for the Supply of the Treasury That may be Brought forward in the Honourable House of Representatives, That may in the Least Bear upon Our Natural Rights and Charter Priviledges — which we aprehend the giving in to the King's Instructions would Certainly do

3ly Where as There has bin Granted away in time Past Vast Tracts of Land for the Setling new Town Ships in Answar to the Prayer of Divers Petition, That Haue bin Prefered, and too often Influenced by Perticuler Persons, who by their Art and Cunning haue Gained, to them selves Great Advantages thereby without being at little or no Charge in forwarding and Setling Those Townships Whereby Great Hurt and Damage has bin don the Province. Wee therefore in an Especiall manner Recomend to you, That you use your utmost Endeavors That the unappropriated Lands Lying within the Late Colony of the Massachusetts, New Plimouth and Province of Main be Divided to and Among the Several Towns within this Province, In the Most Just and Equal Proportion, The Court may agree upon And Subjected to Such Terms of Setlement as Shall be ordered. The Giving and Granting away the Publick Lands in the way and Method Lately Endeavored after being only to Serue Some Perticuler Persons, And give others on oppertunity to Enrich them Selves by Indirect means, we therefore Give it in Charge to you, That you use your utmost Influence That no Lands be disposed of To Perticuler Persons But to the Several

Towns in Equal Proportion Throughout this Province. Those three articles are what we haue Thought Propper to Recommend to you, And is in Order to Prevent any Sugestions that may be Insinuated, That in acting on any of those Heads, you do not act agreeable to the mind of your Principals or to Prevent any adjornments or Prorogations to Consult your Principalls as Has bin Don heretofore.

[37.]

NATHAN^LL CUNNINGHAM.
SAM^LL WALDO
HENRY DERING
THOMAS BROOKS

At the Adjorment of the Meeting, May 17th 1732, The Comittee Presented the Foregoing Instructions.

They were Read Sundry times were Debated and Voted accepted to be the Instructions for the Representatives.

In answar to the Petition of the Heirs of the Honble Sam^ll Sewall Dececed

Voted, That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Treasurer for the Town of Boston or the Treasurer for the time being be Impowred & Directed to Execute a Deed of Release of the Towns Right to an Annuity of fiue pound and four Shillings Charged on a sertain Pasture in Boston, Called Elme Pasture, To the Heirs of the Late Honble Sam^ll Sewal Esq. Dece^d upon their Paying the Sum of One Hundred Pounds in Province Bills or Currant money, Which Sum is Hereby Appropriated and Sett apart for ever to be let to Intrest by the Said Treasurer for the use and Benifit of the School Situate at the uper end of Bond Street in the Souther end of Boston, for which End the Said Annuity was given by the Said Honourable Samuel Sewall Esqr

In answar to the Petition of Richard Whittrage.

Voted That the Sum of Twenty Pounds Pr Annum from this Day be alowed and Payed Out of the Treasury to the Said Richard Whittrage during His natural life, to be payed Quarterly.

In answar to the Petition of m^r John Procter about the North writing School.

Voted. That the Selectmen be a Comitte to vew the Place and Consider the Petition and make Report to the next meeting what had best be don about it.

In answar to The Petition of m^r Zabdiel Boylston.

Voted. That the Petition and acco^tt be Left with the Select men to make Enquiry into that afair and make Report to the Town at their Next meeting.

In answar to the Petition of m^r John Lovell.

Voted. That the Consideration of it be Continued to the Next Meeting to be Debated.

In Answar to the Petition of the Truckmen and others which was Comitted to the Select men to Consider of and make Report which is. We haue Considered the within Petition and are of Opinion That the Town Law in that Case already made is a Good and wholsom Law and think it ought to be put in Execution.

Samuel Adams, Benja. Fitch, Samuel White, Andrew Tyler, William Downe, Select men.

Read and Voted — Accepted.

Voted. That mess^rs William Tyler, Edward Durant & Joseph Marion be a Comitte to Receive any proposals any may make [38.] for Demolishing or Hireing out the Old Buildings Belonging to the Town of Boston in Dock Square, And to Report To the Town what Proposals Shall be made to them at the next meeting, And That Every One may be apprized of this Afair The Comitte are Directed to advertise in the weekly Prints.

The Return of the Select mens Report about Sextons.

Whereas The Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at their Annual Meeting on the 13th day of March 1731. Did by their Vote Direct James Williams to Apply Himself to the Select men of Said Town in order to Regulate the Prices of Diging Graves and opeing Toombs in the Two South Burying Places, which he has accordingly Don, And They Have Stated the Prices for the Several Burying places in this Town as Follows vizt.

Digging Graves for White Persons man or woman Ten Shillings.
For Persons from Six to Twelve of age. Seven Shillings.
For Children Caryed by Hand five Shillings
For Digging a Grave for a Negro Man or woman Seven Shillings and Six pence.
Ditto from Six to Twelve years of age Six Shillings.
For Children four Shillings
For Opening the New or Wall Toombs Fourteen Shillings.
For Opening the Old Toombs or those that Stand in the midst of the Burying Places Sixteen Shillings.

Boston, May the 9th 1732

Selectmen { SAMUEL ADAMS, BENJ^A FITCH, SAMUEL WHITE, ANDREW TYLER, WILLIAM DOWNE, EDWARD BROMFIELD }

Samuel Avis Chose a Clerk of the market. Sworn

[39.] At a Meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Tuesday Jun 27 — 1732

m^r George Crodock is Chosen moderator for this meeting.

In answar to the Petition of m^r John Procter and others abouth the North Writing Scholl.

The Select men being appointed May the 17th To be a Committee To Vew the Place and Consider the Petition and make Report to the Next Meeting what had best to be don about it.

Now make their Report which was

Boston June the 26th 1732

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town at their meeting in May Last. Having Considred the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the north part of the Town for Enlarging the North writing School. We are of Opinion That it will very much Serve that part of the Town,

That Said School House be Enlarged and an Usher m^r John Procter the present master.

Sam^LL Adams
Benj^A Fitch
Joshua Cheever
Andrew Tyler
W^M Downe &
Edward Bromfield

The Report was Read and Voted Accepted.

Voted That the Select men be Impowred and Directed to Act in that Afair.

On the Petition and acco^tt of Doc^r Boylston Comitted to the Select men to Consider and Report, make Report as follows vizt. Also upon the Petition and acco^tt of Doct^r Zabdiel Boylston being for Nedisons and atendance on John Simms a Poor man of the Town. Upon Conferance had with the Overseers of the Poor who Incoraged Said Boylston in Said Servise. We are of Opinion He deserves Thirty Pounds in full Discharge of His Acco^tt.

Sam^LL Adams
Benja^N Fitch
Joshua Cheever
Andrew Tylor
William downe &
Edward Bromfield

The Report was Read and Voted. accepted.

Voted. That the Sum of Thirty pounds be paid by the Town Treasuror to Doct^r. Zobdiel Boylston in full of His account.

[40.] Voted That m^r Edward Mills School master haue an assistant being in a Bad State of Health.

Voted. That the Select men be Empowred and Directed to Seek out and agree with a Sutable Person to assist m^r Edward Mills untill the Town meeting in March next.

Voted. That mess^rs Joseph Marion, Edward Durant and Theopilus Lilly be a Comitte to Receive any Proposals any may make for Demolishin or Hireing out the Old Buildings, Belonging to the Town in Dock Square and to Report to the Town what Proposalls Shall be made to them at the Next meeting. And That Every one may be apprized of this Afair. The Comittee are Directed to advertise it in the weekly Prints —

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitans of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting Fryday July 28th 1732.

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Chosen Moderator for this meeting.

The Petition of m^r John Lovell was Read.

In Answar to the Petition of m^r John Lovell.

Voted. That an Adition of Twenty Pounds to the Salary of m^r John Lovell for the Present year as one of the Ushers of the South Gramer School be made to Him.

The Comittee appointed June the 27th. 1732. To Receive any Proposals any may make about the Old Buildings in Dock Square. &c.

The Committee make their Report vizt.

Pursuant to the Said Vote, The Comitte therein named haue Advertised in the Publick Prints, The Times and Place of their meetings, And Strictly given their Attendance & haue Received Proposals by way of Subscriptions from Messrs Gibb, Boylston, Noyce and Others, for Demolishing the Said Buildings as is Perticulerly Sett fourth in their Proposals and Subscriptions here with Exhibitted. Also proposals from m^{r} Josiah Franklin for the Demolishing and Erecting others as by the Proposals here with Presented will appear and we do accordingly make this our Report on, [**41.**] The Premices for the Towns Consideration thereon

Dated in Boston this 28th day of July Anno Dom^{i} 1732

Joseph Marion
Edward Durant
Theop^{L}. Lillie.

Voted. That the Report of the Committee Relating to the Old Decayed Buildings on Dock Squar with the Proposals of mess^{rs} Gibbs, Boylston, Noyce, and others, with m^{r} Franklins Proposals be Continued untill the next march Meeting of this Town and That mess^{rs} Joseph Marion, Edward Durant, Theop^{s} Lillie, William Stoddard and Jeffry Bedgood be a Committee in the mean time to tak into Consideration the said Proposals together with such other proposals as may be layed before them in Order to Report to the Town at the Said meeting in march next what in their Opinion may Conduce most to the best Benifit and advantage of this Town, and what the Town ought to do therein.

At a meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House, monday, march the Twelfth 1732

After Prayer by the Rev^{t} Doc^{r}. Benjamin Colman.
Elisha Cooke Esqr. was Chose moderator for this meeting.
Sundrys Laws against Imorality &c. Read.
Sundry Petitions Read & motion made vizt.
A Petition for Paving in Orange Street.
John Chambers Petition
Watchmens Petition
Sam^{ll}. Bots Petition
Zecha^{s}. Hicks Petition
A motion of the Overseers of the Poor.
A Proposal of Sundry about a market.
For Paving in winter Street.
about a water-Course in water Street.
Jonathan Williams about the Grainery.
about water Engine-men
about an office for the Town-Clerk
The Constables Petition

[**42.**] Samuel Checkley Chose Town Clerk and Sworn.

Votes for a County Treasurer, Numbred and Sealed up in the prence of Joshua Townsend Constable to be delivered by Him to the Clerk of the Sessions. The votes were 389.

Voted to Chuse assessors Distinct from the Select men.
Voted to Chuse Seven Select men.

	Messrs Edward Bromfield Junr	Chosen Select men.
	William Downe	
	Jonathan Armitage	
Refused	Thomas Lee	
	David Colton	
	John Jeffries	
	Joshua Winslow	

Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Chose Town Treasurer. and Sworn.

Officers for Rumny Marsh Chosen Viz^{t}

Jacob Chamberlin — Constable — Sworn

Samuel Tuttle } Fence Viewers
Thomas Pratt }

Nathan Cheever — Sealer of Leather.

Sworn John Hasy } Hogreves
Sworn Isaac Lewis Junr }

Voted. That there be alowed and Payed out of the Town Treasury; the Sum of Sixty Pounds for the year Currant To a Sutable Person for a School master at Rumny Marsh to the Satisfaction of the Select men He giving his atendance for whole year to be paid Quarterly.

Voted. To Chuse seven Overseers of the Poor.

John Ruck Esqr	Overseers of the Poor.
m^{r} Jonathan Jackson	
m^{r} Jeffry Bedgood	
m^{r} Samuel Greenwood	
Henry Derng Esqr	
m^{r} John Hunt	
m^{r} John Hill	

mess^{rs} Jonas Clark	Assessors
James Watson	
Daniel Loring	
Richard Buckley	
Jacob Sheaf	
Peter Thomas	
Mathew Adams	

Voted to Chuse Twelve Constables

[43.] Voted. That this meeting be adjorned to To-morow morning, Eight of the Clock.

Excused	John Clark Chandler	Chose Constables.
pay	Peter wroe	
pay	Nathan^{ll} Fletcher	
pay	Martin Brimmer	
Sworn	Mathew Barnard	
pay	John Osborn	
pay	Samuel Grant	
Appeald	John Little	
pay	John Smith, Bruer	
Sworn	Edward Brazier	

Sworn	James Dawson	Sealers of Leather
Sworn	John Allin	
Sworn	Thomas Inches	
Sworn	Josiah Carter	
Sworn	Joshua Dodge	
Sworn	John Endicot	Fence Viewers
Sworn	Hopestill Foster	
Sworn	Benja^{n} Russell	
Sworn	Roger Stainer	
	Joseph Ricks	
	Sam^{ll} Coniball	
	William Eustis	
Sworn	Stephen Greenleafe	Clerks of the Market
Sworn	Micael Homer	
Sworn	Nicholas Lash	
Sworn	- William Mower	
Sworn	- David Colson Junr	
Sworn	- Thomas warde	
Sworn	- Alford Butler	
Sworn	- John Waters	
	Joseph Dyar	Scavengers
	John Taylor	
	George Monk	
	William Young	
	Joseph Gerrard	
	Charles Coffin	
	Benja^{n} Pollard	
	Richard Billings	
	Nathan^{ll} Gardner	
	James Cary	
	Henry Gibbs	
	Richard Hubbard	
	John Potwine	
	Benja^{n} Bridge	
	John Fitch	
	Isaac Dupee	
Sworn	- Edward Moberly	Viewers of Shingles, Boards, &c.
Sworn	- Joseph Lowden	
Sworn	- Edward Richards	
Sworn	- William Paine	
Sworn	- Edward Page	
Sworn	- Francis More	
Sworn	— John Crosby	Hogreves
	John Clear	
	John Henderson	
	Jona^{n}. Neale.	

[**44.**] Voted. That the Select men and Such as they Shall Desire to accompany them be Inspectors of the Schools for the year Insueing.

Nathan^{ll} Salenstal Esqr Chose a Selectman in the Room of Thomas Lee, who Refused.

Whether a Market under Proper Regulations would be of Servis and Benefit to the Town.

Voted in the affermative.

Voted. To Chuse a Comittee to Project a Schem for Regulating a Markett and to lay it before the Town at their Next General Meeting & Col[l] Thomas Fitch Esq[r] Thomas Hutchinson Esq[r] Jacob Wendal Esq[r] m[r] Nathan[ll] Cunningham, John Colman Esq[r] m[r] George Cradock and Thomas Palmer Esq[r] be the Said Comittee.

Whereas there are Several Old Houses at Dock Square belonging to the Town which are in a Ruenous Condition and not worth Reparing.

Voted That they be forthwith Demolished, To prevent hurt and Damage to Persons Passing by the Same, And That the Select men be Directed and Impowred forthwith to Effect the Same in the Best manner they can for the Servis of the Town.

Inasmuch as m[r] Henry Gibbs has very Lately Incroched on the Towns Land on Dock Square by Erecting frames thereon

Therefore Ordered That the Select men take Effectual Care That the Said frames be Demolished.

On the Petition of m[r] Zeck[a] Hicks assistant to m[r] Procter.

Voted. That there be alowed to m[r] Zech[a] Hicks at the Rate of One Hundred Pounds P[r] Annum as assistant to m[r] Procter to be Paid Him Quarterly.

Voted That it be Left with the Select men to Reward Such of the watchmen as Shall be found faithfull in their trust not Exceed ten Shillings P[r] month.

Voted. That there be alowed and Payed to John Chambers the Sum of Six pounds for His Ringing the Bell at the South meeting House at one of the Clock for the year Insueing.

Voted. That the Select men Prefer a Petition To the Great and General Court on behalf of the Town To bring forward an action of Review of an Action Comenced by mess[rs] Thomas Cushing, Ezekiel Lewis and Nathan[ll] Green Esq[r] a Comitte against Thomas Palmer Esq[r] for Possession of a Sertaine Tenement on Dock Square the time Limitted by Law for a Review being Expired notwithstanding.

Voted. this Meeting be adjorned to three of the Clock afternoon.

[45.]

Excusd	Moses Ayres	Chose Constables
Excusd	Joseph Shead	
Excusd	Icabod Rogers	
pay	Ephraim Copeland	
Sworn	William Oven	
Sworn	William Torry	
pay	Peter Stone	
Sworn	John Peirce	
Excused	George Tilly	
Sworn	James Bennit	

Voted. That a Sutable office be provided in the Town House to Receive the Records and Papers belonging to the Town.

Voted That m[r] Samuel Boss His Petition be left with the

Select men to Enquire about it and make Report to the May meeting.

Or the Petition of the Water Enginemen.

Voted. That the Petition be Granted and That they be Excused from al other offices of the Towns Choise of them.

On the Petition about Water Street.

Voted. That it be left with the Select men to Enquire into that afair, and make Report to the Town at their May meeting.

Voted. That mr Samll Holyoke be established as master of the School lately kept by mr Edward Mil s Deceaced.

Voted That mr Samll Holyoke haue paid Him One Hundred & Twenty pounds Pr annum and haue the use of the House mr Mills lived in His Salary to Comence from the Death of Mr Mills.

Voted. That the Report of the Comittee about the Treasurers accotts be accepted and That he Be discharged accordingly.

Voted. That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr Town Treasurer be alowed & payed Out of the Town Treasury One Hundred Pounds for His Servis in that office for the year past

Voted. To Chuse a Comitte to Audit and Examine the Treasurers accotts for the year Insuing, And to take Care that the Several Drafts made by the Select men and Overseers of the Poor, be agreeable to the Laws of the Province, and also to Report the Ballance Remaing in the Treasurers Hand — and

Voted. That John Alford Esqr Jacob Wendell Esqr Thomas Fitch Esqr, Hugh Hall Esqr and mr Nathanll Cunningham or any three of them be the Committee.

Voted. a Grant of fiue Thousand three Hundred pounds To be Raised on the Inhabitants and Estates within this Town, for Releif of the Poor, Defraying the Charges of the watches, Paving and other necessary Charges Arising within and for the said Town for the year Insuing.

Sworn	Benjan Salisbery	Chose Constables.
pay	alexander Hunt	
pay	John Johnson	
Excused	Thomas Stoddard	
pay	Francis Warden	
pay	William Fearfield	

On the Petition of mr Jonan Williams Voted

[46.] Voted. That the Sum of Twenty Six pounds be Alowed to the Said Jonathan Williams being for So much Stolen out of the Grainery To be Charged by Him in His next years accompt.

Voted. this meeting be adjorned to to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitant about Paving in Orange Street. Read, Debated and Voted it be Dismist.

On mr Jonathan Williams Petition for Alowance.

Voted. it be Refer'd to the Select men to Consider of and Report to the Town at May meeting.

Sworn. -	George Beard	Chose Constables
Sworn -	Henry Pidgion	
Sworn -	Roger Hardcastle	
Sworn -	Agusten Hayle	
pay -	John Pim	

Voted. To Chuse a Comitte of three persons to be Impowred for Laying out the Money appropriated for Purchasing Grain for the use of the Town for the year Insueing.

Voted. That Capt Henry Dering, mr Nathanll Cunningham and mr Peter Thomas be the Said Comittee

Voted. That the Selectmen be Desired to Regulate the Price of Grain Sold at the Grainery for the year Insueing.

pay - John Trayle - Chose Constable
Sworn - Benjan Williams - Chose Constable

Voted. That no new Lease of House or Land, belongin to the Town be given or Granted by the Select men until Publick Notice be given at least Twelve months, before the Expiration of the former Lease, And That they Do not finish any New Lease in More then Six months before the Expiration of the former.

On the Return of the Report of the Comitte Chosen July the 28th 1732, To Consider the State of the Old Buildings at Dock Squair &c. The Report was Read and

Voted, Thankes to the Comittee for their Care and pains taken therein.

[47.] At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitant of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regurly assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House wednesday May the ninth 1733.

After Prayer by the Revet mr William Cooper.

Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chose moderator for this meeting.

Suudry Petitions Read and Motions made.

for Paving in Merchants Row
mr John Cloughs Petition
Isaac Peirce His Petition
mr John Procters Petition
mr Samll Watts, His Petition
The Constables Petition
A motion about Erecting Mash Potts
About a Common Shore for the Toombs

Voted. to Chuse 4 Representatives

Number of Voters were - - - - 600

Elisha Cook Esqr	541
Samll Welles Esqr	396
mr Thomas Cushing junr	541

Chosen Representatives

Voted. That the meeting Adjorn to Three of the Clock afternoon.

Met and the Voters were 554

mr Oxenbridge Thatcher with 296 votes was Chosen.

Voted. To giue Instruction to the Representatives now Chosen.

Voted That the Instructions to the Representatives the year Past May the 17th 1732 Be the Instructions to the Representatives now Chosen And Such others as are here Inserted.

Gentlemen

We the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified and Regulerly assembled &c.

In Confidence of your Integrity wisdom and Courage haue Chosen you to Represent us in the Great and General Court of this Province for the year Insueing, And althô we do not in the Least Question your faithfullness to the true Intrest of this Province in General, as well as to the Trade and Busyess of this Town in Perticuler, yet Esteeming it our Duty in this unhappy Juncture (wherein our Laws Libertys and Propperties are in the Greatest Danger.) Earnestly to Request of you to Exert all your Powers in Conjunction with the Other members of the Honourable House of Representatives to gard against and Defend us from all Incroachments whatsoever that may be attempted against our Natural Rights or Charter Priviledges, And that our minds may be always Present in your thoughts.

[48.] We would more Perticulerly Recommend to you.

1st. That you use your utmost Endeavor That His Excelency our Governor may haue an Honorble Support Sutable to the Dignity of His Station and the Circomstances of this Province. And Inasmuch as we are apprahensive that the fixing a Sallary on the Governor may Produce fatal Consequences, We Confide in and Rely upon you to Exert your utmost Power & Influence, To prevent the Passing any Bill in the House of Representatives, Relating to His Support which may Settle the Salary for any Limited time, or that may Prevent Obstruct or any ways Impead future assemblys from Acting with the Same freedom former assemblys Haue Enjoyed you are to Oppose any Bill for His Excelency Support unless in the Same Bill Provision be made for the Payment of all Publick Debts of the Province.

2ndly. We Earnestly Recomend to you, The Care of the Treasury, and that you use your utmost Indeavor, That it be Supplyed with Such Sufficient Sums of money as is necessary to answar the Great Charge of the Province both Past and future, And we depend upon you That you Oppose the Passing any Bill for the Supply of the Treasury for the Payment of any Accott of Charge or Expence of Publick money, unless there be a Clause Inserted, That the whole General Court haue the Inspection of the accott before Payment, And we Depend upon you That it be Don after Such a manner as is Consistant with the Safty of this Province and the Preservation of our Rights and Privileges. And inasmuch as the Charter Gives the Great and General Court full power to Support the Government here by Enacting Such Laws and Ordinances as they in their Great wisdom shall be best adapted to Subserve the true Intrest of His Majestys Good Subjects of this Province. A Complyance with His Majestys Instructions would Inevitably Clash with the Power of making Laws, and Deprive this People of one of the most valuable Priviledges held & Enjoyed by the Charter.

We Therfore Injoyne you To oppose any Bill for the Supply of the Treasur, that may be brought forward in the Honourable House of Representatives That may in the Least Bare upon our natural Rights and Charter Priviledges which we apprahend the giving in to the Kings Instructions would setainly do.

3ly. Whereas there has bin Granted away in time past vast

Tracts of Land for the Setling new Townships in Answar to the Prayer of Divers Petitions that haue bin Prefered and too Often Influences by Perticuler Persons who by their Art and Cunning haue gained to themselves Great Advantage therby without being without Little or no Charge in forwarding & Setling those Townships, Where by Great Hurt and Damage has bin don the Province.

We Therfore in an Espetial manner Recomend to you, That you use your utmost Endeavor That the unapropriated Lands Lying within the Late Colony of the Massachusetts New Plimouth and Province of Main be [49.] divided to and among the several Towns within This Province in the most Just and Equal Proportion the Court may agree upon, And Subjected to Such Terms of Settlement as Shall be Ordered.

The giving & Granting away the Publick Lands in the way and Method lately Endeavored after being only to Serve Some Perticuler Persons and give Others an Oppertunity to Inritch them Selves by Indirect means, We therfore give it in Charge to you That you use your utmost Influence, That no Lands be Disposed of to Perticuler Persons But to the Several Towns in Equal Proportion throughout this Province. These three Articles are what we thought Propper to Recomend to you, And is in Order to Prevent any Suggestions that may be Intimated. that in Acting on any of these Heads you do not Act Agreeable to the mind of your principals, or to Prevent any adjornments or Prorogations to Consult your Principals as has bin done Heretofore.

The foregoing Instructions were Read and Voted to be the Instructions to the Representatives now Chosen.

The Report of the Comittee about a market was Read.

Voted. That this meeting be adjorned to fryday next at Eight of the Clock in the fore noon And then mett May the 11th

On the Petition about Paving in Merchant Row.

Voted. That it be left with the Select men to Comply with the Petition Provided the abutters do their Part as is usual.

On the Petition about a Market.

Voted That there be three places assigned for a market.

Voted. That in the Vacent place at or near the Town Dock be one of the Places.

Voted. That the Open place near the old North meeting House be another place for a market.

Voted. That the Third place be at or near the Great Tree at the South end near mr Eliots House.

And the Co itte with the Select men were Desired to take the Proposals and make Such additions or alterations as they Shall se needfull in Order to haue them Printed to be debated at the adjornment.

Voted. That in the Afair of the market. Rumny Marsh be Excepted.

John Cloughs Petition was Read and Granted viz. That there be three pence on the Pound alowed Him for Collecting the Rates Comited to His Sone.

Isaac Peirce His Petition was Read and Voted That Six pounds

be alowed and Paid Him for Ringing the Bell at the old north meeting House at one of the Clock for this year.

mr Samll Watts Read & Refered to the adjorment.

mr John Procters Petition Read and Continued to the adjornment.

mr Joseph Marions Proposals Read.

[50.] Voted That this Meeting be adjorned to May the 28th day at Nine of the Clock. in the forenoon. And then mett.

On the Petition about the water course in Water Street.

Voted. That the Select men be Directed and Impowred To use the most Propper and Speedy method for Removing the Obstruction Refered to in the Petition and to make a Computation of the Charge of Carrying the water aboue ground and Enquire of the abutters what part of the Charge they are willing to be at and Report the Same at the next Town Meeting.

On the Petition of mr Jonathan Williams Referred to the Selectmen.

Voted. That the Report of the Selectmen be accepted, And that the Sum of Sixteen Pounds be paid Him in full that Service

mr Samll Boss His Petition Relating to the Towns Land under His Improuement with the Select men Report thereon, was Read and Accepted, which was That they Had veiwed the Land and are of Opinion That it will not be for the Intrest of the Town to Sell the Same.

mr Joseph Marions Proposals were Read. vizt

The first article. That a Comittee be Raised by the Town to Enquire into and take Cognizance of all the Towns Rights in Land, and on the Tresposes thereon, And that a Plann thereof be taken by a Surveyer, And that the Same be made of Records in the Town Clerks office, with the annual Rent or Income the Same at Present yeilds. That So the Towns may be made Certain of their Rights and Income. Voted.

On the Second. Voted That the Selectmen or Such Comittee or Comittes as the Town from time to time appoint to Employ Laborers, artificers or workmen in the Service of the Town, or in Purchasing Grain for the Town to Agree with Such Persons as they Shal Employ or deal with to pay them in money as has bin the Custom Here to fore.

On the Third Article. Voted. That upon Reading any Petition, Remonstrance or Report, The time of Reading the Same, and what the Town Shall be pleased to Vote thereon whether it be Dismist or Otherwise.

On the fourth Article. Voted. That as many disputes and Great Inconvenience hau arised, Touching the votes of the Town for want of Drawing the Votes, and Reading the Same before the Meeting is over,

That for the future, all votes made and Past by the Town, be Comitted to writing, while the Town meeting is in being, and Read to the Town, That truth and Certanty thereof may be made known before the meeting is up.

On the fifth Article. Voted That the Selectmen be directed and Impowred to make application to the General Court at their next Sessions for leave to bring forward a writ of Review in Order to

the Recovering Possesion of Land and warehouse on the Dock now in the Possession of Thomas Palmer Esqr in Behalf of the Heirs of Eliakin Hutchinson Esqr.

On the Sixth Article. was Read & Rejected.

[**51.**] The Proposals for Regulating a Market in this Town, and the Comittes & Select men Report thereon being Read and Debated, It was Put to Vote whether the Town would haue a market or not, and That the Same be Determined by a written Vote.

Voted in the affermative.

The Town accordingly Proceeded to bring in their Votes, And upon Counting the Same It appeared there 364 yeas and 339 nays.

Then the meeting was Adjorned until four of the Clock in the afternoon.

The Town being met. The Proposals of the Comitte and the Select men for Regulating a Market were Read Seperatly and Voted as follows.

That there be three market Places vizt

One in the Vacant place at Or near the Town Dock.

One at the Open Space before and about the old north meeting House and One at or near the Great Tree at the South end Near m^{r} Eliots House.

And That whosoever shall or Expose to Sale, or That Buy any flesh Poultry Eggs, Butter, Meal, Chees, Frute, Hearbs, Rootes or Other Provisions in any Other Place or Places within the Said Town Precinct or Liberty thereof then the Publick places aforesaid. (Except Such Provisions as are hereafter Excepted), Upon the Information of the Clerk of the market, or other proof thereof made, Shall be fined in Proportion to the offence not Exceeding twenty Shillings, as Shall be Judged by the Justice before whom the Cause Shall Come.

2^{ly} That every day in the week Except the Lords Day be a market day, And that a Bell be Rung of the opening of the market, which Shall be at the Rising of the Sun thrô the whole year, and if any Person or Persons Shall Sell or put to open Sale in the Said Several markets any manner of Provisions or other Commodities or Shall buy any of them before the Ringing of the Market Bell, such Offender or Offenders being thereof Convict Shall forfeit and Pay a fine of Twenty Shillings for Every Such Offence And if any Person or Persons Shall Presume, to Buy or Cheapen, Any flesh, Fowles, Butter, Eggs, meal, Herbs, Frute, Rutes or other Provisions, or victuals, Coming to the Market Either by the Land or water, or make any Previous Contract, with any Seller, or Buy the Same in any other Place, then in one of the Said markets, Shall forfeit and Pay for each and Every Such Offence being thereof Convict the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

3^{ly} That all Sorts of Fish brought by water, may be Sold at the wharfs & Places usually Improved for that Purpose. But all Fish Caught in the Rivers, Ponds and Brooks and brought by Land, Shall be brought into & Sold in the market.

4ly That if any Person or Persons bringing any Sort of Provisions out of the Country into the Town of Boston for Sale Either by Land or water, after the Setting up of the Said market, Shall Sell offer or put to Sale, any of the Same in any Private House ware house Inn, Ale House, Tavern, Lane, Alley, Street or other place or places whatsoever, within the Said Town, Precinct or Libertys thereof, then in the Market places, or Some of them, Every Person so Carrying, or offering to put to Sale, or to Buy any Provisions, Shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Such Offence. Provided always that no Clause or Expression herein Contained Shall Extend, Intend or be Judged to Restrain or abridge any Butchers from Selling their Meat in their Shops nor [**52.**] such who Import by Sea any Grain, Meat or Fish Salted up in Barrels from Selling the Same on Board their Vessels, Nor to the Seller of Swine, brought into the Town alive, nor Grain brought by Land, nor Aples, Enions, nor turnops by the Bushel, or greater quantities, nor milk nor Sider, as hath heretofore bin the Custome, But it Shall and may be Lawfull for the Inhabitants of the Town and others to purchase the aboue Mentioned Provisions in the usual method as formerly, But all other Provisions brought in by Land or water to Sold in the Market.

5ly That if any Person or Persons Shall Engross any Sort of Provisions or victuals which is in the market to Retale there again, Espesially Such as are known to be Hucksters, Butchers or other people, Geting their Living by Such Provisions or victuals as they would so Engross, Every Such Engrosser Shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Such offence.

6ly That no Retailer, Hucksters, or Persons to Sell again, Shall buy any flesh, fish, fowles, Eggs, Butter, Cheese, or any other Sort of Provisions Saleable in the Market, untill after twelve of the Clock at Noon on pain of paying a fine of Twenty Shillings.

7ly That if any Person or Persons Shall Presume to Expose to Sale in the Said markets or Either of them unholsom or Stale victuals, Blown meat, Leprous, or measly Swine, He She or they So offending Shall forfeit and pay in Proportion to the Offence.

8ly. That no Cart or team be alowed to Stand near the Entrance of the market place or Places but Shall Imediatly Depart upon order of the Clerk of the market to the Driver So to do under the Penalty of fiue Shillings for Refusal or Neglect thereof.

9ly That the Informr, who Shall Sue for and Recover any fines forfitures Sum and Sums of Money arising from the Breach of any of those orders Shall be Entitled to Receive out of the Treasury One half of the Sum So Received

10ly That Propper Persons be appointed to keep Clean the Markets, and to be under tne Direction of the Clerk of the Market in there so doing.

11ly That there be a Clerk of the Market now Chosen for each Market Place by the Town, And hereafter at their annual meeting in March, who Shall be Impowred to Supervise the Said Market, And to take Effectual Care to prevent and Suppress all frauds, abuses and Disorders that may arise therein, And Shall Costantly attend and be in the market during the market time, And Shall

haue and Receive Such Salary for their Service as Shall be voted them by the Town.

12ly That if any Person or Persons be found Trespassing against any of the Rules and order before mentioned. The Clerks of the Market are hereby Required and Directed to Prossecute Such Offenders or Trespassers before [**53.**] Justice of the Peace, In order to His or their being Prosecuted against and Punished as is before Provided.

Voted. That Capt James Watson be Clerk of the Market for the vacant place at or near the Town Dock or wharf.

Voted. That Capt John Steel be Clerk of the Market for the Open Space before and about the old north Meeting-House.

Voted That mr Francis Wiloughby be a Clerk of the Market for the Space at or near the Great tree at the South end by mr Eliots.

Voted. That John Colman Esqr Jocob Wendal Esqr mr Nathanll Cunningham, mr Daniel Goff, with the three Clerks of the market now Chosen be a Committee, to make a Computation of the Cost and Charges of Erecting the Several markets, and to Receive any motion from the Inhabitants of Hireing or Leasing any of the Said places, Proposed to Erect a market in And make Report to the Town at their next meeting.

mr John Procter Petition for an addition to His Salary at the North writing School.

Read and Voted That the Sum of Thirty Pounds Pr Annum be added to His Salary to begin from this Day.

mr Samll Watts Petition for Remitting Twenty Pounds due for the Hire of the Ferry.

Voted. That the Same be Remitted.

Voted. That the Select men be Desired to Effect the Erecting of an Office in the Town House for the Town Clerk to Lodg the Town Books & papers in.

The Request of Sundry Persons belonging to the District of Rumny Marsh, for an addition to their Schoolmasters Salary, Continued to the next meeting.

Voted. That the Committee to be Chosen for Enquiring into the Towns Rights be Continued to the Next Town meetin.

The motion Respecting a Drain for the Toombs in the South Burying Place, Refered to the Next Meeting. The meeting Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified being Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House on Tuesday June the Twenty Sixth 1733 —

Elisha Cooke Esqr Chose moderator for this meeting.

A motion made by mr Joseph Marion about Everill Lease.

A motion made to Chose A Comitte to Treat with mr Palmer and mr Gibbs Relating to their Clames in Dock Squir.

About the Report of the Committe about a Market.

The Report was Read and the Question whether it Should be Determined by a Written Vote. Voted in the affermative.

The Town accordingly Proceded to bring in their Votes and upon Counting the Same ther apeared to be 805 Voters.

yeas 390 and 415 nays

[**54.**] Voted The Comittees Report not being accepted, that they Proceed no further upon the Consideration thereof at this Meeting, But Refer it to the next General Meting in March next.

Voted. this meeting be adjorned to fiue of the Clock after noon & Being met

On the Report of the Select men about the Water Course in Water Street.

The Report was Read which was

Pursuant to the vote of the Town at their meeting the ninth of May Last, Relating to the obstruction in water Street, we have viewed the Same and are of Opinion That the most Effectual way to Remove it would be by Carrying the water into the Dock by m^r^ Alfords warehouse, The charg of which will amount to about four Hundred Pounds.

We haue also Inquired of the abbuttars and find they are willing to pay Two Hundred Pounds thereof. Boston, June 18th 1733 William Down, Edward Bromfield Junr Jona^n^ Armitage, David Colson, John Jeffries, Joshua Winslow, Nathan^ll^ Saltonstall — Select men.

Voted not Accepted.

Voted. To Chuse a Comitte to take Effectual Care to open the antient natural water-course in water Street.

Voted. That a Comitte be Chosen of fiue Persons for Said work.

m^r^ Andrew Tyler, Samuel Wellis Esqr m^r^ Nathan^ll^ Cunningham, Capt James Goold, and m^r^ Joseph Marion, be the Committee.

Voted. That the Comittee Raised Some time Since to Consider the State of the Old Buildings in Dock Squair be Desired and Directed to proceed to take the Deposition of Persons In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam Relating to the Towns Rights in the Dock.

Whereas James Oglethorp Esqr who is Speedily Expected hear, hath at Sundry times in the Parlament of Great Britain Expressed a hearty care and Concern for the Good of the Provinces & Colonys on this Continent and a Special manner moved Several things in Support of the true Intrest of this Government and the Establishing the Trade and Business thereof.

Voted. That the Representatives of this Town, a Considerable Branch or member of this Province, together with the Select men when that Honourable Gentle man Shall arive here, do in the name and behalf of this Town Return Him their Thanks, and let Him know how kindly they take His Good Office, and That his free and generous Actions Shall haue a lasting Remembrance and bid Him a Hearty welcome here.

[**55.**] Voted. To Chuse a Committee of fiue Persons to Enquire into all the Rights in Lands.

m^r^ Joseph Marion, m^r^ John Staniford, John Colman Esqr m^r^ William Stoddard and m^r^ Jeffry Bedgood. Voted to be the Committee

Voted. That ten pounds Pr Annum be added to the Salary of

m^r Belcher Hancock School master at Rumny marsh, to begin the Twenty first day of march last past.

about the motion for the Drain from the Toombs in the South Burying Place.

Voted. to be Refered to the next Town meeting and in the mean time the Select men make a Computation of the Charg of Carrying the water into the Common Shore.

At a meeting of the Free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified being Regulerly Assembled in a Publick Town meeting at the Town House Wednesday August the first 1733.

Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen moderator for this meeting

upon a motion made

That whenever the Town be warned for a Towns meeting By order of the Select men That the Constables haue Printed tickets provided for them to warn the Inhabitant by. Voted in the affermative. unanimously.

m^r nathaniel Cunningham made a motion. That the Town would alow Som thing toward the Charge of a Private watch in the Town at the Dock. Left for Consideration.

The Petition of John Metcalf of Dedham Joshua Mors of Medfield and others for Erecting a new County out of the Countys of Suffolk and Midlesex

Voted. That they will Chuse a Committee of fiue Persons to take that Affair into Consideration, and Prepare Reasons to Lay before the General Court why the Prayer Should not be granted. And lay them before the Town at the adjorment of this meeting.

Voted. That Edward Hutchinson, Anthony Stoddard, Thomas fitch, Samuel Sewall, jun^r, and Jacob Wendell Esq^rs be the Said Committee.

Voted. That this meeting be adjorned to Fryday August the tenth Currant at fiue of the Clock afternoon.

The Town being met August the Tenth According the adjornment. The Comitte made their Report which is as follows vizt.

We the Subscribers being appointed a Comittee by the Town of Boston at their meeting on the first Instant, to prepare Some Reasons, to be Offred to the Town in order to be layed before the General Court, why the Petition of John Metcalfe of Dedham Esqr Joshua Morse of Medfield and others, for Erecting a new County out of the Countys of Suffolk & Midlesex Should not be granted, having and Considered that afair.

Humbly Offer our Reasons against the Same.

[**56.**] 1. That there haue bin fiue of the most Remote Towns belonging to this County, vizt Mendon, Woodstock, Sutton, Oxford & Uxbridge lately taken off from this County, towards Erecting another, by which means the County is so Reduced, that the Inhabitants of even the most Remote Towns remaining in this County haue not far to travel to their County Town, whereas in England, their Countys are vastly mor populous, and many of them of much Larger extent, And great Numbers of the People in divers of the Countys are at a greater distance from their Sheir Town that

any of the People in the County of Suffolk are, and yet they haue Contentedly Remained So ever Since the Reign of King Alfred, and if it had bin found inconvenient or detrimental to the people, that live in those large Countys, undoubtedly from that time to this, they would haue moved to the Parliament for Releif & endeavors would haue bin us'd To Lesson them, which we never heard of.

2. That there is only the Town of Dedham of the Several Towns desiring to be Set off that sends any Petty Jurors to the Court of Common Pleas or General Sessions of the Peace, And Some of them Send no petty Jurors to the Superior Court nor Grand Jurors to either Court which manifests that their Attendance &c. on the Courts can't be so buthensome as they would Insinuate especially considering there has lately bin made a Considerable augmentation of the Jurors Fees by the Legislature

3. That in Case the Towns Petitiond for Should be taken Off, from the County of Suffolk, yet it will be no ease to them in Such Cases wherein the Plantifs dwell in Said County, for they must then give their attendance at the Several Courts, as they now do.

4. That there being frequently Causes depending between His Majestys good Subjects in Boston, and the adjacent Towns, conserning titles of Land and other matters, and many gentlemen in the Country Towns being very well Qualified, may be very Servesable as Jurors in Such Cases &c. of which having had long Experience, we can not Esteem it Reasonable that this County Should be Debarr'd any further of the good Services of its Country neighbours within the County nor to act so disagreeable to the long Experienced, well Regulated and Established practice in the South part of Great Britain So to Lesson the County.

5. That to Multiply Countys is not for the Publick good, for instead of easing them that Petition to be Set off it will Increase their Charges for they must buiid a Court House and A Prison &c. and must of themselves furnish Jurors, for the Superior and Inferior Courts and Gene^{ll} Sessions of the Peace, and if they Should be Set Off it will tend much to multiply Law Sutes among them, and other mischifs and Inconveniences would Increase, besides the Multiplying of Countys may prove Injurious to the Publick, by the Governments, at Home being induced [**57.**] to think we are bigger and more Considerable then we realy are, for we have Eleven County's in this Province already, whereas in England, they haue but Forty County's, although they they are Computed to be Fifty times bigger then this Province.

To Conclude if the prayer of the Petition should be granted, it would be a bad president, for with the Same Semblance of Reason other County's may Seek to be divided, and by this Method, the Province would be Subdived into Petty Countys, whereby the Charges and inconveniences of the People, would be vastly increaced, Wherefore humbly hope our Fathers in the Government, will Se just cause to Continue the County of Suffolk as it now is, and to dismiss Said Petition which to us Seems unreasonable

All which is humbly Submitted by

Thos Fitch
Edward Hutchinson
Anthony Stoddard
Jacob Wendell

Boston August 10th 1733:

Which Return was Several times Read and Debated, Then read Article by Article and Severally Voted in the Affermative to be Accepted.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Regurly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Fryday Septem^r the Twenty first: 1733

After prayer by the Rev^t m^r William Cooper

Edward Hutchinson Esqr was Chose Moderator for this Meeting by the majoritor of Voters:

A Motion made by m^r Joseph Marion about chusing Colectors of Taxes

A Motion of the Selectmen Relating a Grainery at the North-end.

The Question was Putt: Whether or no the Representatives of this Town in the Affair of the Supply of the Treasury be left to use their best Judgment and Discression notwithstanding the Instruction given them in May Last

Voted That it Should be desided by a Written vote, And that they that were for it Should write yea, And they against it Nay.

The Voters were 240: The yeas were 153, Nays were 87:

On A Motion Made by m^r Nathaniel Cunningham august the first

That the Town would alow Something toward the Charge of A watch at the Dock called the Merchants Watch which has hitherto bin Supported by A Number of Merchants.

Voted that Fifty Pounds Pr Annum be alow'd and paid out of the Town Treasury toward the Support of Said Watch, Provided it be Regulated as the Law directs, And the Merchants Continuing to bear the Remaing part of the Charge

[58.] Voted That the Selectmen be desired to make application to the General Court That the Town may haue Liberty for the year Currant to Chuse Collectors of the Taxes notwithstanding the time Limited by the Law Relating to the Choice of Such Officers be Elapced.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town House On Tuesday October the Sixteenth: 1733 —

Edward Hutchinson Esqr Chose Moderator for this Meeting

A Motion Made by the Town Treasurer About taking Road Island Bills of the New Emition might be Considred

Voted to Chuse three Collectors for the Town of Boston, One of which Shall be for the District of Rumny Marsh

Voted to Alow the Collectors Nine pence on the Pound for Collecting the Taxes Provided they giue Sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen

Voted to Chuse the Collectors by Written Votes, And that they be Chosen by the Major part of the Voters:

The voters were 126

Capt Daniel Goff was Chosen by 121 votes & mr Nathanll Gardner was Chosen by 114 votes

Voted to Chuse the Collector for Rumny Marsh by A Handy vote

mr Jacob Chamberlain, now Constable was Chosen Collector for the District of Rumny Marsh and to haue the Same Alowance for Collecting as the Other Collectors, He giving the like Security

About A Grainery at the North End

Voted That A House be Erected on the Towns Land at the Northend of Boston for a grainery or Meal House, Not to Exceed the Cost of One Hundred Pounds —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitant of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified and Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Wednesday October the Thirty first. 1733

Samll Welles Esqr Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Voted to Proceed to Chuse Collectors.

Voted To Chuse three persons for Collectors for the Town of Boston Seperate from the District of Rumny Marsh

Voted That the Town will not Come to any further Consideration of the Alowance to the Collectors, But that the Alowance be nine pence on the Pound, Agreeable to the Vote of the Sixteenth Instant, The Collectors giving Sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen

Voted To Chuse Collectors by A Written vote and that they be Chose who haue the highest votes — Nathanll Barber, John Staniford, Jacob Sheaf, were chosen collectors by the Highest votes, —

Voted That the Town Treasurer be Directed to Refuse any of the Road Island Bills of the New Emition in Publick payment —

Voted that the meeting be Dismist —

[**59.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly Qualified and Regurly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting At the Town House on Wednesday Novr the Twenty first 1733 —

John Jeffries Esqr Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

Voted To Chuse another Collector in the Room of John Stamford

Daniel Pecker was Chosen Collector

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitant of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Regulerly Assembled in A Publick Town Meeting at the Town House Fryday the first: 1733

Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

Upon the Afair of the Overseers of the Poor —

Voted That it be Refered to the Town Meeting in March Next and That the Overseers of the Poor be Desired to giue their Opinion therein to the Town

Voted To Chuse A Committee of Five Persons To Consider the Memorial of Henery Gibbs About the Out Wharfs, And Report to

the Town at their Meeting in March next: what is Proper to be don therein.

Messrs Joseph Marion
Jeffry Bedgood
Robert Rand
Sam^{ll} Adams Esqr
William Stoddard

were Chosen to be the Said Committee —

At a Meetin of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town Duly Qualified and Regurly Assembled in A Publick Town meeting at the Town House Fryday February the 22th 1733.

The Hono^{ble} Thomas Fitch Esqr was Chose Moderator for this Meeting

Voted Nemine Contradicente

That the Hono^{ble} Thomas Fitch Esqr, with the Selectmen be desired Forthwith To Represent the Decaying Circomstances of the Fortifications of this Town, To the Capt General, And Desire He would please to Lay the Same before the General Court, In Order to Obtain A Sutable Alowance to put the Town into a Proper Posture of Defence It being the Key of the Province —

[**60.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified, being Regularly Assembled at a Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, Monday, March the 11th 1733.

After Prayer, by the R^{ev}. Mr. Thomas Foxcroft.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned to the Public Meeting House in Brattle Street; The Town making good all damage that Shall be done it by reason of the Meeting being there.

Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town Clerk, and Sworn by E. Cooke Moderator.

Sundry Laws against Immorality &c. Read.

Sundry Petitions Read, and Motions made. Viz^{t}

Benjamin Fisher.

Peter Briton.

The Engine Men.

William Rand.

Belcher Hancock.

Bartholomew Sutton.

Proposals for lessening the Charge of the Town.

Memorial of Henry Gibbs.

Report of the Committee ab^{t} the Towns Rights.

Report of the Committee ab^{t} the Out Wharves.

A Motion made by Jonathan Williams relating to the Trees in the Common.

The said William's Motion relating to Town Bulls.

Another Motion of said Williams relating to the Marishes in the Common.

A Motion of the Select Men, for the Town to come into some Methods to prevent frauds in the weight of Hay.

[61.] The Select Men Inform'd the Town, that the Rev^{t} Mr. Williams intends shortly to leave the South Grammar School.

A Motion of Mr. Joseph Marion's That the Town would Petition the General Court, for leave to bring forward a Writ of Review against Thomas Palmer Esqr for possession of a Warehouse on the Dock.

A Motion of Elisha Cooke Esqr relating to the Fines of the Militia; That the Town would give Instructions to their Representatives, concerning that affair.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

And being Assembled accordingly.

Voted, To choose Overseers of the Poor, distinct from the Select Men.

Voted, To Choose Assessors, distinct from the Select Men.

Voted, To Choose Seven Select Men.

The Honble John Jeffries Esqr
Mr. Edward Bromfield Junr
Capt. William Downe.
Capt. Jonathan Armitage.
Mr. David Colson.
Mr. Joshua Winslow.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.

Were Chosen Select Men, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, To Choose Nine Overseers of the Poor.

[62.] John Ruck Esqr
Jacob Wendell Esqr
Henry Dering Esqr
Mr. Jonathan Jackson.
Capt. Samuel Greenwood.
Mr. John Hunt.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood
Mr. John Hill.
William Tyler Esqr.

Were Chosen Overseers of the Poor.

Voted, That the Affair of the Market; and of the Fortifications come under Consideration, Tomorrow at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, until Tomorrow Morning, at 8. of the Clock.

And being Assembled,

Officers for Rumney Marsh, were Chosen, Viz^{t}

Messrs Joseph Whittemore - - - - - -	Constable. Sworn
Hugh Floyd - - - - - - - - -	Fence Viewers.
Stephen Kent - - - - - - - -	
John Tewksbery - - - - - - -	Hog-reves.
Daniel Tutthil - - - - - - - -	
John Hasey - - - - - -	Sealer of Leather

Messrs James Dawson.
John Allen
Thomas Inches.
Josiah Carter.
Joshua Dodge.
} Were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Votes for County Treasurer were number'd and Sealed up by William Torrey Constable, by him to be kept and returned unto the Clerk of the Sessions.

[63.] Messrs Joseph Russell.
Hopestil Foster.
Benjamin Russel.
Roger Stainer.
Joseph Rix - Excus'd
Samuel Cunnabel
William Eustis.
} Were Chosen Fence Viewers.

Messrs Richard True - - Paid.
Jonathan Neal - - - Sworn.
Joseph Bradford - - Excus'd.
John Staniford - - - Excus'd.
Thomas Boucher - - Paid.
Rowland Houghton - - Paid.
Thomas Hill - - - Paid.
William Thomas - - - -
} Were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Messrs John Fitch.
David Cutler.
David Mason.
Hopestil Foster.
John Taylor.
John Wheelright.
William Downes.
Benjamin Edwards.
Nathanael Belknap.
Benjamin Bronsdon.
Nathaniel Gardner.
John Carnes.
Joseph Turell.
Philip Bongarden.
} Were Chosen Scavengers.

Messrs Thomas Trott - Sworn.
Ezekiel Carver - - Sworn.
John Little - - Paid.
John Simpson - - Sworn.
} Were Chosen Hogreves.

[64.] Messrs Samuel Clark, Junr - Sworn.
Edward Moberly.
Edward Richards - - - Sworn.
William Paine.
Francis More.
John Endicot.
} Were Chosen Viewers of Shingles, &c.

Voted, To Choose Collectors, to gather the Taxes for the Year ensuing.

Voted. To Choose Twelve Constables, for the Year ensuing.

Messrs James Pitts - - -	Paid.	Were Chosen Constables.
William Keneday - - -	Paid.	
Pyam Blower - - - -	Excus'd.	
George Lineham - - -	Excus'd.	
Balthazar Bayard - - -	Sworn.	
John Steel - - - -	Paid.	
Thomas Gunter - - -	Paid.	
William Bulfinch - - -	Paid.	
Henry Limbrey - - -	Paid.	
Thomas Oxnard - - -	Paid.	

Voted, To Choose a Committee to think of, and assign, Three suitable Places for Erecting Markets, the Cost and Charge thereof, and how to be defrayed; and make Report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

The Town accordingly proceeded to bring in their Votes in Writing, and on numbering them 'twas found, there were 916 Voters. Of which 517 were Yeas, and 399 Nays.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of the Said Committee.

Voted, That the Number of this Committee be Five.

[**65.**] Voted, That the Honble Thomas Fitch Esqr
Edward Hutchinson Esqr
Thomas Palmer Esqr and
Jacob Wendell Esqr with
Mr. Nathanael Cunningham,
be the Committee.

Voted, That the Committee aforesaid make their Report on Wednesday next the 20th, instant at Three of the Cock post meridiem

Voted, That the Consideration of the Affair of the Fortifications be adjourned, until Four of the Clock this Afternoon.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock afternoon.

And being Assembled accordingly.

The Honble Joseph Wadsworth Esqr was unanimously Chosen Town Treasurer, for the year ensuing.

Voted, To Choose a Committee of Seven Persons, to View, and report their Opinion of the most Convenient Places in this Town, for Fortifications.

James Bowdoin Esqr
Thomas Fitch Esqr
Mr. Thomas Lee.
Joseph Wadsworth Esqr
Jacob Wendell Esqr
Capt. John Henderson, and
Edward Hutchinson Esqr

Were accordingly Chosen to be this Committee.

Voted, That Capt. Thomas Durell be Desired to meet, advise, and consult with the aforsaid Committee, upon the said Affair: And that the Committee, be [**66.**] Desired to make their Report, if possible, To-Morrow at Four of the Clock, Afternoon.

Voted, To Choose Seven Assessors.

Messrs Jonas Clark.
Richard Buckley.
James Watson.
Daniel Loring.
Peter Thomas.
Mathew Adams, and
Jacob Holyoke - - - - - - - - - - - Excus'd

Were Chosen Assessors, for the Year Ensuing.

Upon the Petition of Belcher Hancock,

Voted, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be added to the Salary of the Schoolmaster in Rumny Marsh.

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned until Tomorrow Morning, at Eight of the Clock.

Being accordingly Assembled.

Messrs Stephen Greenleaf - - - - - - - Sworn.
Nathanael Thwing - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Thomas Stoddard - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Abijah Adams - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
John Colman Junr and - - - - - - - - Paid.
Joseph Snelling - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Constables.

A Motion was made by the Select Men for the Choice of Tything Men.

Upon the Petition of the Engine Men,

Voted, That they may be Excused from all Town Offices, for the Year currant.

[**67.**] Upon a Report of the Committee appointed to Consider the Memorial of Henry Gibbs, about the Out-Wharves,

Voted, That the same be Accepted.

The Memorial of Henry Gibbs, which was read at the Opening of this Meeting, Read again, and Dismist.

Upon the Petition of Benjamin Fisher,

Voted, That it be refered to the Select Men, to Consider the Subject Matter thereof, and make Report thereon, at the Next Town Meeting.

Bartholomew Sutton's Petition, was Read, and debated. and Voted, That it be Dismist

Upon a Motion made by Mr. Jonathan Williams, relating to the Trees planted in the Common.

Voted, That the Row of Trees already Planted in the Common, be taken care of by the Select Men from time to time; And that another Row of Trees be Planted there, at a suitable distance.

Voted, That a Row of Posts, with a Rail on the top of them be set up, and continued thro' the Common from the Burying Place to Col^o Fitch's fence; Leaving Openings at the several Streets and Lanes.

And, in Order to prevent further waste of the Trees in the Common,

Voted, That there be allow'd and paid out of the Treasury, a Reward of Forty Shillings to any Person that shall inform against, and convict any Person or Persons [**68.**] of Cutting down or

despoiling any of the Trees already planted in the Common, or that may be hereafter planted there. Also,

Voted, That the same Reward be given to those Who shall convict any person or persons of breaking any of the Posts and Rails that shall be put up in the Common as aforesaid.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Jonathan Williams relating to the Marish at the bottom of the Common,

Voted, That Capt. Nathanael Cunningham
Messrs James Allen, and
Robert Rand —
be a Committee to make an Estimate of the Cost and Charge of the Effectual Securing the same, And Report the same at the adjournment of this Meeting the 20th, instant.

At a Motion of the Select Men, Viz^t That Three Shillings p Head on the Cows going on the Common is not Sufficient to maintain the Bulls.

Voted, That Two Shillings p head be added for the same purpose.

Messrs Peter Oliver - - - - - - - - -	Paid.
Adam Winthrop Junr - - - - - - - - -	Paid.
Thomas Hutchinson Junr - - - - - - - -	Paid.
John Davenport - - - - - - - - - -	Paid.
Habijah Savage Junr - - - - - - - - -	Excus'd.
Simeon Stoddard, and, - - - - - - - -	Paid.
William Williams - - - - - - - - - -	Paid.

Were Chosen Constables.

[69.]	Capt. Daniel Pecker - - - - - - - -	Sworn.
	Messrs Jacob Sheafe, and - - - - - -	Refus'd.
	Nathanael Barber - - - - - - - - -	Sworn.

Were Chosen to be Collectors of the Taxes for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That Nine pence upon the Pound be allow'd to the Collectors, for Gathering the Taxes, They giving Sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

Upon the Petition of Mr. William Rand.

Voted, That the Select Men be directed and impower'd to Release and Quit Claim to the said William Rand and his heirs, the Fee of the Land he lately purchased of Isaac Gamberto, Upon his paying the Sum of Six Pounds to the Town Treasurer. Which Land was Subjected to pay Four Shillings p Annum to the Town, as a Quit Rent, forever.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be Presented to Capt. Thomas Durell for His Advice and Assistance aforded to the Committee, in the affair of the Fortifications.

Messrs Samuel Jackson - - - - - - - -	Sworn.
Benjamin Wolcot - - - - - - - - - -	Sworn.
Christopher Marshal - - - - - - - -	Sworn.
William Ware - - - - - - - - - -	Excus'd.
Joseph Jackson, and - - - - - - - . -	Sworn.
John West - - - - - - - - - - - -	Sworn.

Were Chosen Constables.

The Rev. Mr. Nathanael Williams having inform'd the Select Men, That he intends in a short time to resign his Care of the South Grammar School.

[70.] Voted, That the Select Men be desired to inquire into the Qualifications of a suitable Person, or Persons, Who may take the Charge of the Said School, And Report to the Town at their next Meeting.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

Being Assembled,

Mr. Joseph Bradford was Chosen Constable. Sworn.

Mr. John Baker was Chosen Clerk of the Market Sworn.

The Report of a Committee appointed to inquire into the Town's Rights, Read again, Accepted &,

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be returned to the said Committee, for their Service in that Affair.

The Committee of seven Persons appointed the 12th instant, to view and report their Opinion of the most convenient places in this Town for Fortifications, Reported, as follows, Viz[t]

That it is very proper to have Six Guns with a Breast work plac'd at the Southerly Part of the Old South Battery to prevent landing Men in Boats and small Vessels.

That the Easterly End of the Long Wharf is the best place to build a Battery on, most effectually to annoy the Enemy, and to defend the Town, and it would be proper to have Twenty Guns placed there, At present the Wharf being but about 112 feet in length in the East Front, it will allow as it is now of no more than 8, or 10 Guns,

[71.] Wherefore the Committee Judge it would be best to lengthen it both Southward and Northward to about 120 feet more, and to add 15 or 20 feet more inward to the depth thereof, and in the mean time to plant as many Guns as it will allow.

That it would do well to have Six Guns plac'd on Clark's Wharf, both to meet the Ships coming up, and to rake any Ship that may attempt to board the Battery at the End of the Long Wharf; but as that is not the Towns property, if Guns were assigned for it, they may be fixed, when the Town sees meet and necessary.

That upon Viewing and Examining the North Battery and its Circumstances, the Front being much Worm eaten and decayed, and settled too low down, It appears necessary to build without the Front thereof a piece of Wharf of 15 feet deep, and the same to be continued, round the Northerly End where the new addition must be 35 feet, and all well tyed to strengthen the Old Wharf, All which is Humbly Submitted by,

Boston Mar. 13. 1733.

Thomas Fitch.
Edward Hutchinson.
Joseph Wadsworth.
Jacob Wendell.
James Bowdoin.
Thomas Lee.
John Henderson.

Voted, That there be an addition of Eight Persons to the Com-

mittee appointed yesterday, on the Affair of Fortification. And that they be,

Capt. Jonathan Armitage.
Dr. William Douglas.
Col. Estis Hatch.
Messrs William Stoddard.
John Checkley.
John Smibert.
Samuel Welles Esqr and
Capt. Edward Pell.

And that they Report on Fryday next, at Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

[72.] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, until Fryday next, at Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

Fryday, Mar. 15.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjourm^t

Voted, To Choose a Committee, to lay out the Money appropriated for Purchasing Grain, for Use of the Town, the Year ensuing. And That,

Henry Dering Esqr
Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, and
Mr. Peter Thomas.

be the said Committee.

Voted, That the above Committee, do give Orders to Mr. Jonathan Williams, What Quantity of Grain each Family shall receive out of the Granary at one time, according to the Seasons of the Year, and Circumstances of the Town.

Voted, That Mr. John Staniford be Excused from being a Clerk of the Market.

Voted, That Mr. John Clear be a Clerk of the Market in the room of Mr. Staniford - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the Highways.

Voted, That the Select Men be directed and impower'd to prosecute in the Law, Mr. Henry Gibbs, in Order to recover the Right of the Town in that piece of Land on Dock Square, formerly called Henry Webbs Wharf.

Voted, That the Select Men be Directed to renew a Petition to the Great and General Court on behalf of the Town, for leave to bring forward a Writ of [73.] Review against the Honble Thomas Palmer Esqr in Order to recover possession of a Certain Tenement on Dock Square in the present Occupation of William Pain & others.

Voted, That John Simpson be one of the Fence-Viewers, insteed of Joseph Rix who was Excused, as being One of the Engine Men.

Upon the Petition of Peter Briton.

Voted, That the Said Petition be Dismist.

Voted, That the Assessors be directed to take the Rate Bills from the said Peter Briton, in order to recover the Out standing Rates still due to the Town according to the Said Bills.

A Motion being made concerning a Town Right on Windmill point, Claimed by Mr. Joseph Marion,

Voted, That Messrs Nathanael Cunningham,
James Allen, and
Robert Rand,
be a Committee to inquire into the same, and Report to the Town as soon as may be.

The Report of the Committee for Fortifications, is as follows, Viz^{t}

The Committee appointed the 12th & 13th Instant, to Consider of what is necessary to be done to put the Town into a State of Defence are humbly of Opinion.

That it will be proper to add to the front for the whole length of the North Battery a piece of Wharf of Fifteen feet Breadth, and to add Thirty five feet to the North Eastern End &

That there be Six Guns prepared for Clarks Wharf,

[**74.**] To be transported and used there in case of an attack

That the most Proper place for building a Fortress of the greatest Strength, will be upon the flats on the Eastern Side of Fort point Channel, where a Wharf of, Sixty feet breadth may be built of Three hundred feet in length, with a breast work, and from Fort Hill a Line of Communication may be made, for Supply men and Stores, with Safety.

That all the Guns belonging to the Town be immediately mounted and fitted for use, and as many placed on the End of the long Wharf, as it will recieve, where a brest work should be forthwith raised. THO. FITCH, in the

Mar. 15. 1733. name of the Commitee.

Upon the Report of the Committee for Fortification,

Voted, That the same be Accepted.

Voted, That the Committee for Fortification be desired to draw a plan of the Fortifications propos'd, Consider of the Charge, and Report the same on Wednesday the 20th instant, That so the Town may the better Judge what Money will be necessary to be raised in order to Effect the same

Voted, That there be a Committee Chosen to take Effectual Care to prepare Carriages, and all utensils necessary for compleatly Mounting the Cannon belonging to the Town, and

Voted, That Jacob Wendell Esqr
James Bowdoin Esqr
Col^{o} Estis Hatch
Messrs Isaac White, and
John Checkley, be the Committee.

[**75.**] Voted, To add Two Persons to the Committee for Mounting the Cannon, Viz^{t} Messrs Thomas Lee, and
Samuel Clark.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, to the Town House, until Wednesday next the 20th instant at nine of the Clock A.M.

March, 20. The Town met according to Adjournm^{t} and

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to the Public Meeting House in Church Green, to meet there in half an Hour.

Voted, That the Town will make good the Damage that may be done by reason of the Meeting, and make clean the House.

Where being Assembled,

The Select Men informed the Town, That they had introduced Mr. Nathanael Oliver, as an Usher in the South Grammar School, in the Room of Mr. Jeremiah Gridley.

Voted, That it be left with the Select Men to Agree with Messrs Jonathan Loring and Jonathan Jackson, in the best manner they can, in Order to Obtain from them a Six foot High Way from Salem Street to Love Street.

The Committee for Fortifications, Pursuant to a Vote of the Town the 15th. instant, Presented a Plan of the Fortifications propos'd, and a Computation of the Charge. Which is as follows, Viz^t

The Computation of the Cost of the several Fortifications propos'd for the Defence of the Town of Boston.

[76.] The Addition to the North Battery is propos'd to be 15 feet in the Front, and 35 feet at the North East, and by Computation will take 325 Tons of Square Pine timber, at 20/ p Ton - - - - - - .325 - - -

Stone for the same will Cost, about - - - - -	350 - - -	
Workmanship for the same - - - - - - - -	200 - - -	
The Breast Work for the same - - - - - - -	340 - - -	
		£1215.

The Breast Work, for the Mounting Eight Guns on the End of Boston Pier, about - - - - - - - -	.160 - -	
The Platform for the Guns, and over the Stairs for Men to Stand on, about - - - - - - - - -	.140 - -	
		.300

The Wharf on the Flats at the Eastward End of Fort Point Channel for the Planting of 20 Guns, is propos'd to be 300 feet long, and 60 feet broad, and by Computation will take about 1600 Tons Square Pine Timber at 20/ p Ton - - - - - - - 1600

Stone for the same, about - - - - - - - - - - -	1800 - -	
Workmanship, about - - - - - - - - - - - - -	500 - -	
The Breast work for 20 Guns, and Platform for the same, about - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	550 - -	
		4450

The Wharf propos'd from the Old South Battery to the Fortification on the Flats, for a Line of Communication, is propos'd to be 20 feet wide leaving the Channel Open, will be 378 feet long, and by Computation will take about 700. Tons of Timber, at 20/. p Ton - - - -	.700 - - - -	
Stone for the Same about - - - - - - - -	400 - - - -	
Workmanship thereof - - - - - - - - -	250 - - - -	
The Breast Work on each Side of Said Line, is propos'd to be 4 & ½ feet high, and 12 Inches thick, and will take 90 Tons of Timber - - - - -	.90 - - - -	
Workmanship for the same, about - - -	100	
		1540 -

The Carriages for 50 Guns, with Iron work &c. We Compute will Cost about £20. Each	1000. —
Carried over - - - -	£8505.
[77.] Brought over - - - -	£8505 -
The Communication over the Channel, We propose to be by Two Large Scows haled by hawsors, all which We suppose may Cost about - - - . -	- 200
	£8705

We further propose the Planting of Four Guns on the head of the Wharf, on the West Side of the Line of Communication, to Cover the Men, transporting over the Channel, and Scouring both sides of the Line.

In behalf of the Committee THO. FITCH.

A Plan of the Fortifications propos'd, which ought now to have follow'd, is (for greater convenience of room) placed in the next Page.

Voted, That the Town will now come into the Consideration, of ways and means of raising Money for Effecting the Fortifications propos'd to be erected for the Defence of the Town.

Voted, That what Money shall be required, from time to time to carry on, and perfect the Fortifications, shall be Raised by a Tax on the Inhabitants.

Voted, That the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to be Raised by a Tax as aforesaid be appropriated to the Use of Fortifying the Town.

Voted, That the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, be Raised by a Tax on Polls & Estates, for Effecting the Fortifications for the security and defence of the Town.

Voted, That Capt. Edward Pell be one of the Committee for Mounting the Cannon belonging to the Town, in the Room of Mr. Thomas Lee, who was excused from that service.

[78.] A Plan of Fortifications proposed.

[79.] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock p. M.

Being Assembled,

The Committee appointed to think of, and assign Three suitable Places for Erecting Markets, &c. Presented their Report, which was Read, As follows, Viz^t

The Committee appointed the 12 Mar. 1733. to think of and assign Three Suitable places for erecting Markets having the several places hereafter mentioned, Are of Opinion

1. That the Vacant Space call'd Eliots' Wharf, with Mr. Jonathan Willis's Land fronting next the Street over against Mr. Thos Downe's, or a peice of Land near it about 90 feet square on the Northerly Side of the High Way leading to Mr. Daniel Loring's Fronting on the main Street, belonging to the Rev. Mr. Jacob Eliot, would either of them suit well for a Market at the South End, if could be Obtained on reasonable terms. If not, The Space in the Common between Mr. Jacob Sheaf's house & the

Anno. 1733.

A Plan of Fortifications, proposid.

School House, has been by some recommended, and would afford Roomly accomodations for A Market.

2. That the Open Space on the Town Dock or Wharf is a suitable Place for a Market in the Middle of the Town.

3. That the Open Space before and about the Old North Meeting House is a Suitable Place for a Market for the North End of the Town.

The Computation made by Messrs Young and Russel of the Cost of the buildings, We approve of, but as we now think of an Addition to the House for the South Market, and of laying Shingle Ballast before the same as well as the other, the Cost may probably be about Six hundred and Forty Pounds.

The Expence to be defrayed, either by Leasing the Ground to the Undertakers to build the Houses for a Term of Years.

[**80.**] They making good preparation for the Conveniencies of the Market's, and the Town to allow them for the buildings what they shall be valued to be worth at the Expiration of the Term; Or Else, to be defrayed at the Charge of the Town by a Tax.

All which is humbly Submitted by,

THO. FITCH.
THO. PALMER.
JACOB WENDELL.
NATH. CUNNINGHAM.

After considerable Debate thereon,

A Question was put, as follows, Viz^t

Whether it be the mind of the Town to determine by a Written Vote, to Accept the Report of the Committee [concerning Markets] So far as respects the Two places mentioned possitively therein? And

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

The Number of Voters were 719. of which 538 were Yeas, and 181 Nays.

The Report was accordingly accepted, so far as it respects the Open Space on the Town Dock; and the Open Space before and about the Old North Meeting House.

Voted, To Accept the Report of the Committee for Markets, respecting a peice of Land, at the South End of Boston, Belonging to Mr. Jonathan Willis: Which Land he the said Willis is to Lease to the Town, for the Annual Rent of Ten Pounds, as p Agreement with the said Willis.

Which Agreement written, and Signed by said Willis in presence of the Meeting, is as follows. Viz^t

Boston March 20, 1733.

At a Town Meeting regularly Assembled by Adjournm^t to the Meeting House in Church Green,

[**81.**] The Report of the Committee relating to the Market being read, in which they recommend a peice of Land at the South End of the Town belonging to Mr. Jonathan Willis as proper for a Market Place at that end of the Town; Mr. Willis was treated with on the affair, who Obliged himself to Execute Sufficient Leases on demand for said Land, for the Term of Ten Years, for the Consideration of Ten Pounds p Annum.

JONATHAN WILLIS.

Voted, That the Select Men be directed & impower'd take proper Leases of the said Land from the said Willis accordingly.

In Order to accommodate the Three Markets, It was,

Voted, That Seven Hundred Pounds be put into the Hands of the Committee for Markets, to enable them to Effect the several Buildings necessary, as by them Reported.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be presented to Jacob Wendell Esqr for his generous Offer of Fifty Pounds, towards Erecting Markets.

Voted, That the Three Clerks of the Markets vizt Capt. James Watson, Mr. Francis Willoughby and Capt. John Steel, be added to the Committee for Markets, to see the Buildings of the Market Effected.

Voted, That in the Proposals for Regulating Markets in this Town, Recorded in the Town's Book, N° 3. in the 14th line, after the Word *Whosoever*, be added, *being an Inhabitant of this Town.*

Voted, That the motion relating to Methods for preventing Frauds in the weight of Hay be referr'd over to the next General Town Meeting.

[82.] Mr. Joseph Marion presented the Depositions of of Henry Dering Esqr Messrs Timothy Prout & John Baker, Which were Read.

Voted, That the Committee for Fortifications, and for Preparing Carriages for Mounting the Cannon belonging to the Town, Wait on His Excellency the Governour, to acquaint Him, How far the Town have proceeded in the Affair of Fortifications, in Order to Obtain his Approbation, and to Report at the next Meeting.

His Excellency's Approbation was accordingly Signified in Writing, as follows, Viz^{t}

I have considered of this Application to Me, from the Town of Boston.

And by Vertue of the Power vested in me by the Royal Charter (as His Majesty's Govern^{r} of this Province) To Erect Forts, and to Fortify any place or place within the Said Province &c. I do hereby signify my Approbation of, and Consent to the building of Fortifications in the said Town of Boston in manner as is proposed in the Votes aforewritten.

Boston Mar. 25, 1734. J. BELCHER.

Voted, That the Committee for the Market be Impower'd to treat with Mr. Theophilus Lillie, or any other Person, for some other piece of Land adjoining to Mr. Willis's, for the further Accomodation of the Market at the South End of Boston, if necessary.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, until Tuesday next, at Nine of the Clock A.M. At the Town House

Anno, 1734.

[83.] Tuesday, March, 26th

The Town Assembled according to Adjournment.

Pursuant to Mr. Jonathan Willis's Agreement with the Town of Boston as enter'd the 20th instant, and to a Vote of the Town thereon the same Day, Impowering the Select Men to take propr

Leases of Mr. Willis's Land, assigned for a Market Place — the same was accordingly perform'd, and is as follows Viz^{t}.

This Indenture made the Twenty Fifth day of March in the seventh year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lord King George the Second Annoq. Domini One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty four, Between Jonathan Willis of Boston in the County of Suffolk Trader and Mary his Wife of the One part, And Messrs John Jeffries Esqr Edward Bromfield Junr William Downe, Jonathan Armitage, David Colson, Joshua Winslow and Alexander Forsyth all of Boston afores^{d} and Select Men of the said Town on the other part Witnesseth, That the said Jonathan and Mary Willis for and under the Rents and Covenants hereafter mentioned hath demised, leased, set, and to farm letten, and by these presents Doth demise, lease, set and to farm let unto the Said Select Men & their Successors for the Use of the Said Town, All that certain Peice or Parcel of Land situate lying and being at the South End of the Said Town butted and bounded as follows, vizt Westerly on Orange Street so called, there Measuring Fifty nine feet more or less; Northerly on Beach Street so called, there Measuring Eighty four feet more or less; Easterly on Land in the possession of Theophilus Lillie, there measuring One Hundred & Twenty seven feet six inches, and Southerly on other Flats of the said Willis, there measuring Sixty eight feet six inches, then bounded Westerly on Land of Samuel Welles Esqr Where it measures Seventy One feet, and Southerly on land of the said Welles there Measuring Fifty eight feet six inches, or however otherwise bounded or reputed to be bounded, Together with the (**84.**) Profits, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging To have and to hold the said demised Land with the Appurtenances unto the said John Jeffries Esqr Edward Bromfield Junr William Downe, Jonathan Armitage, David Colson, Joshua Winslow and Alexander Forsyth Select Men as aforesaid and their Successors in the said Office and Trust for the Use of the Said Town of Boston for and during the full end and term of Ten years, Yielding and paying Ten Pounds p Annum for the Rent thereof, in manner as hereafter mentioned.

And the said John Jeffries, Edward Bromfield Junr William Downe, Jonathan Armitage, David Colson, Joshua Winslow and Alexander Forsyth Qualified as aforesaid Do Covenant for themselves their heirs Executors Administrators and Successors in that Trust for, and on behalf of the said Town of Boston, to and with the said Jonathan Willis and Mary his Wife their heirs, Execut^{rs} and Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto them the said Jonathan and Mary Willis their heirs, Executors or Administrat^{rs} respectively for the Rent of the said Demised land and premises the sum of Ten Pounds p Annum in good Bills of Credit on the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, or current Money of New England on every Twenty fifth day of March yearly and every year from hence next Successively following until the Said Term of Ten Years be run out and ended, and also to pay all Rates and Taxes which shall be levied or assessed on the Said Demised premisses during the Said term, and at the end thereof to deliver up quiet possession thereof to the Lessors their heirs or Assigns. And the

Said Jonathan Willis and Mary his Wife Do hereby Covenant and promise for themselves their heirs, Executors and Administrators to and with the said Select men and their Successors, That if they the Said Select Men their Successors or assigns shall pay the said Yearly Rent as the same shall become due, [**85.**] The said Town shall have, hold and enjoy the said demised Land and Premisses until the said time be expired But if default be made in any of the said payments Thirty days after the same shall become due, Then it shall and may be lawful for the said Lessors their heirs &c. to reenter into the said Land and the Lessees to Eject from their possession thereof, any thing before written to the Contrary notwithstanding.

And further the said Parties to these presents Do Agree that Mr. Richard Crowninshield shall improve part of the said demised premisses vizt Eighteen foot of Land fronting the aforesaid street, and measuring in depth Thirty six foot leased to him by the said Willis for Five years from the 28th June, 1732. until the said Crowninshield's lease be ended unless the Said Town hire it of him. In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have hereunto Interchangeably put their hands and Seals the day and year first herein before written.

Signed Sealed & Deliver'd in presence of us
WILLIAM SALTER.
ÆNEAS SALTER

JONATHAN WILLIS. (Seal.)
MARY WILLIS. (Seal.)

Whereas I have this Day Leas'd out a peice of Land at the South End of the Town of Boston, to the Select Men, for the use of the said Town, in which is included a peice of Land, Let by me to Richard Crowninshield the 28th June, 1732 for Five Years, I hereby Oblige myself, on demand to make over the said Lease with all the profits & privileges thereto belonging, to the said Select Men for the use of the Town aforesaid.

Boston March, 25. 1734.

JONATHAN WILLIS.

[**86.**] We Whose Names are Underwritten Do hereby Oblige Our Selves, to put the whole Ground which the Town have Hired of Mr. Jonathan Willis into a proper posture to Erect Buildings thereon for the Accomodation of a Market, Except the Flats, that lye to the Southward of a Line drawn directly a Cross from Samuel Welles Esqr's Land to the Wharf Call'd Mr. Lillie's from a Point Thirty four feet Southward of Said Welles's North East Corner, And to keep the same in good Repair, for the Space of Ten years next coming, to the Approbation of the Select Men for the time being, at our own costs and charge, As Witness our Hands this Twenty Sixth Day of March, 1734.

SAMUEL WELLES.
THO^S DOWNE.
HENRY GIBBON.
JOHN ELIOT.

Voted, That the Affair now in debate respecting the Market Place at the South End, shall be determined by a Hand-vote.

Voted, That the Town do Acquiesce, and are Satisfied in the Place, assigned for a Market at the South End, With the Addition of Mr. Welles's Land, and the Obligation which the said Samuel Welles Esqr Messrs Thomas Downe, Henry Gibbon and John Eliot Enter'd into to put the said Land into a proper posture to Erect Buildings thereon for Accomodation of a Market, and to keep the same in good Repair for the Space of Ten years yet to come at their own Cost and Charge to the Approbation of the Select Men for the time being.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be presented [**87.**] To Samuel Welles Esqr Messrs Thomas Downe, Henry Gibbon and John Eliot, for their free, and voluntary offer, to put the Ground now hired of Mr. Jon^{a} Willis, into a proper posture, to Erect Buildings thereon, for the Accommodation of a Market; and of keeping the same in good Repair, for the space of Ten years next coming — And becoming Obliged to perform the same, as enter'd this day.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Four of the Clock. p.m.

Being accordingly Assembled.

The Scheme of a Market being prepared, was then Read as follows, Viz^{t}

> At a Meeting of the Freeholders, & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, being regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting, by adjournment, at the Town-House, Tuesday March 26, 1734.

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Town labour under many hardships and difficulties for want of an Open Public Market under good regulation, where every One may resort at stated convenient Places within the Town to buy and sell several Sorts of Provisions.

For Remedy thereof.

It is Voted and Ordered.

That Three Places be, and hereby are, at present Assigned for the aforesaid Market; And that they may be made fit and commodious for the reception of such, as from time to time may bring their commodities there for Sale [**88.**] That the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds be allow'd and pay'd out of the Town Treasury to Thomas Fitch, Edward Hutchinson, Thomas Palmer, Jacob Wendell Esq^{rs} Messrs Nathanael Cunningham, James Watson, Francis Willoughby and John Steel to enable them to effect the buildings and other necessaries at the three several places assigned for that use. And that a Peice of Land, bounded Easterly on Land in possession of Theophilus Lillie, there measuring One Hundred twenty seven feet; Southerly on the flats of Jon Willis, there measuring Sixty eight feet, six inches; Then bounded Westerly on Land of Samuel Welles Esqr there measuring Seventy One feet; And Southerly on Land of Said Welles, there measuring Fifty eight feet, six inches; Fronting on the main Street, leading

to Roxbury, known by the Name of Orange Street, over against the House and Land of Thomas Downe, there measuring Seventy feet, is pitch'd upon for One of the Places. That the Town's Ground or open space on the Town Dock or Wharf, commonly call'd Dock square, be another place, And that the open space before and about the Old North Meeting House is fix'd upon and determined for the Third place, Where the Market is to be kept and carried on.

That Capt. James Watson be, and hereby is constituted and appointed, One of the Clerks of the Market to Attend at the vacant place on the Town Dock; Mr. Francis Willoughby another of the Clerks of the Market; to be and attend at Mr. Willis's Land; And Capt John Steel is chosen and appointed the other Clerk of the Market, at the open space before and about the Old North Meeting House, Who are to be and remain in their Office as Clerks of the Market until the annual Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants in March next, and until others are chosen and Appointed in their room and to have and receive such Salary for their Service as shall be then Voted them by the Town; [**89.**] Who are to give their Constant Attendance at the Opening of the Market, and there abide during the continuation thereof, and take effectual care that the Several Rules, Orders and Directions for the Regulating and more orderly carrying on the Market be duly observed and kept.

Ordered,

That no Person, being an Inhabitant of this Town, shall sell, or expose to sale, or shall buy any Flesh, Poultry, Eggs, Butter, Meal, Cheese, Fruit, Herbs, Roots, or other provisions in any other place or places within the said Town, Precinct or Liberty thereof than the Public places aforesaid, Except such provisions as are hereafter excepted, On penalty of being fined in proportion to the Offence, not Exceeding Twenty Shillings, as shall be Judged by the Justice before whom the cause shall come, Upon the Information of the Clerk of the Market, or any other person, due proof thereof being made.

That Every Day in the Week, except the Lord's Day, or other Days set apart by this Government for Religious Service, be a Market Day, and that a Bell be daily rung at the Opening of the Market, which shall be at the rising of the Sun thro' the whole Year, And if any person or persons, Inhabitants as aforesaid, shall sell, or put to open sale, in the said several Markets, or either of them, any manner of Provisions or other Commodities or shall buy any of them before the ringing of the Market Bell, Such Offender or Offenders being thereof convict shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence. And if any such person or persons shall presume to cheapen or buy any Flesh, Fowle, Butter, Eggs, Meal, Herbs, Fruit, Roots, or other provisions or Victuals, or make any previous contract with any Seller, or buy the same in any other place than in one of the said Markets shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such Offence, being thereof convict, the sum of Twenty Shillings.

[**90.**] That all sorts of Fish brought by Water, may be sold

at the Wharves and places usually improved for that purpose; But all Fish caught in Rivers, Ponds, and Brooks, shall be brought into and sold in the Market; Frost-fish and Smelts, excepted.

That if any such person or persons as aforesaid shall put to sale, utter or sell any such provisions in any private House, Warehouse, Inn, Alehouse, Tavern, Alley, Lane, Street, or other place or places whatsoever, within the Said Town, Precinct, or Liberty thereof, than in the Market places, Or, some One of them, Every person so carrying, or offering to put to sale, or to buy any provisions Shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every such Offence: Provided always, That no clause or expression herein contained, shall extend, intend, or be judged to restrain or abridge any Butchers from Selling Meat as heretofore, nor such Who import by Sea any Grain, Meat or Fish Salted in Barrels from Selling the same on board their Vessels on in their dwelling Houses, or storehouses, Nor Such as bring Grain by land, or Apples, Onions, or Turnips by the bushel or greater quantities, or Milk, or Cider as hath heretofore been the custom. And it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of this Town and others to the above mentioned provisions in the usual method, as formerly: But all other provisions brought in by Land or Water shall be sold in the Market

That if any Retailer, Huckster or other person to sell again, shall buy any Flesh, Fish, Fowle, Eggs, Butter, Cheese, or any other sort of provisions saleable in the Market, in Order to Retail the same, until after Twelve of the Clock at noon, he shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each offence.

That if any person or persons shall presume to [**91.**] Expose to sale in the said Markets, or either of them, any unwholesome or stale victuals, blown meat, leprous or measly swine, he she or they so offending shall forfeit and pay in proportion to the Offence, not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

That no Cart or Team be allow'd to stand near the Entrance of the Market place or places, but shall immediately depart upon Order of the Clerk of the Market to the Owner or driver so to do, under the penalty of Five Shillings for refusal or neglect thereof.

That proper persons be appointed to keep clean the Market and to be under the direction of the Clerk of the Market in their so doing, and shall be paid out of the Town Treasury by Order of the Select Men.

That the Clerks of the Market are hereby required and directed to prosecute any person or persons trespassing against any of the Rules or Orders before mentioned; And that the said Clerks of the Market; or any other persons who shall sue for and recover any Fines, Forfeitures, Sum or Sums of Money, arising from the breach of any of these orders, shall be intitled to receive the value of One half of the Sum so recovered, out of the Town Treasury.

Provided always, Nothing herein contained be intended, meant or construed to abridge the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney

Marsh from buying or selling any provisions as usual in said District.

Provided always, and it is the true intent and meaning of the above written, That the Market shall be opened, or commence on Monday the Twentieth day of May, next ensuing; Public Notice thereof being given, Ten days before the said time.

Voted, That the Scheme of a Market, as it has been now Read, Be Established.

[**92.**] Voted, That the Scheme of a Market as now Read, be prepared and presented to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, for their approbation.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to Attend accordingly, on the Court of General Sessions, in Order to Obtain their approbation of the same.

Samuel Welles Esqr having Leased a certain Peice or parcel of Land, To the Select Men of Boston, for the better Accommodating a Public Market place for the Use and benefit of the Inhabitants of said Town — They have Order'd the same to be here Recorded.

This Indenture made the Twenty Sixth Day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty four, And in the seventh Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, &c. Between Samuel Welles of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Esqr On the One part, And John Jeffries & Joshua Winslow Esq^{rs} William Downe Gent. Edward Bromfield Junr Jonathan Armitage and Alexander Forsyth Merchants & David Collson Leather dresser All of Boston aforesaid and Select Men of the said Town of the Other part. Witnesseth That the said Samuel Welles for the Consideration hereafter mentioned Hath Demised Granted Set and to Farm Letten, And by these presents Doth Demise Grant Set and to Farm Let unto the said John Jeffries Joshua Winslow William Downe Edward Bromfield Jonathan Armitage Alexander Forsyth & David Collson Select Men as Aforesaid for the Use hereafter mentioned. All that his the said Samuel Welles's certain Peice or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being at the Southerly part of Boston afores^{d} being Butted and Bounded as followeth Viz^{t} Westerly at the Front on Orange Street there measuring Twelve Feet Northerly on the Land of Jonathan Willis there measuring [**93.**] Fifty nine feet, Easterly on the said Willis's Land there measuring Twelve feet, and Southerly on the S^{d} Welles's Land there measuring Fifty nine feet, Or however Otherwise butted and bounded, or reputed to be butted and bounded, with the Privileges and Appurtenances thereto belonging (Saving always and Reserving unto the said Samuel Welles his Heirs and Assigns the liberty of putting down Posts in the Ground on the Northerly part of his House next adjoyning to the Demised Land about one foot distance there from to save Carts from hurting the same) To Have and to Hold the said Demised and Letten piece or parcel of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances (Saving & Reserving as aforesaid) Unto

the said John Jeffries Joshua Winslow William Downe Edward Bromfield Jonathan Armitage Alexander Forsyth and David Collson Select Men as aforesaid & their Successors in the said Office from the Day of the Date hereof for and during the space and Term of Ten Years now next Ensuing & fully to be compleat and Ended. Upon this Condition Nevertheless, That the said Demised peice of Land be Improved & Employed during the whole Term of this Lease for the better Accomodating a Public Market Place for the Use and benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boston and to and for no Other Use intent or purpose Whatsoever; But if the said Peice of Land shall not be Improved for the Use aforesaid, then the same to Revert to the Lessor, and in that Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Samuel Welles his Heirs Execut^rs Administ^rs or Assigns into the said Demised Premisses with the Appurtenances to Re Enter and the same to have again Repossess and Enjoy as in his and their first and former Estate, this Indenture or any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. Yeilding, Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every year unto the said Samuel Welles his Heirs Execut^rs Administ^rs or Assigns upon every Twenty sixth day of March during the Term aforesaid One Pepper Corn (if the same be demanded) in full for the Rent of the Premisses. And the said John Jeffries Joshua Winslow William Downe Edward Bromfield Johnathan Armitage Alexander Forsyt and David Collson Select-Men as aforesaid for themselves and their Successors in the said Office Do Covenant and Agree to and with the said Samuel Welles his Heirs Execut^rs Administ^rs and Assigns Well and truly to pay the Rent aforesaid as the same shall become due if it be demanded; And in case the said Demised Land shall not be [94.] Improved for the Use aforesaid that then it shall be Lawful for the Lessor to Enter into have and possess the same in Manner as aforesaid any thing before written to the contrary Notwithstanding. And further, That at the Expiration or other determination of this present Lease they the said Lessees or their Successors in the said Office shall and will peaceably and quietly Surrender and deliver up the Possession of the said demised peice of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances unto the said Samuel Welles his Heirs Executors, Administrators, or Assigns without Waste Stroy or Demolishment (Extraordinary Casualties Excepted) And the said Samuel Welles for himself his Heirs Execut^rs and Administrators Doth Covenant and Agree to and with the said John Jeffries Joshua Winslow William Downe Edward Bromfield Jonathan Armitage Alexander Forsyth and David Collson Select Men as aforesaid and their Successors in the Said Office for and in behalf of the said Town of Boston That they paying and performing all and whatsoever is before mentioned on their part to be paid and performed, Shall and may Lawfully Peaceably and Quietly have hold and enjoy the said Demised Premisses with the Appurtenances during the Term of this Lease without the lawful Let Suit or hindrance of him the said Samuel Welles or any Person or Persons claiming or to claim by from or under him.

In Witness whereof the aforesaid Partys have hereunto Interchangeably Set their Hands and Seals the Day and year aforewritten.

SAMUEL WELLES and a Seal.

Signed Sealed,
and Delivered in
presence of —
RICHARD HUBBARD,
JOHN SAVEL.

[**95.**] Voted, To Choose a Committee, separate from the Select Men, to inquire into the State of the End of the Long Wharf, in Order to Plant Guns thereon.

Voted, That the Committee aforesaid, consist of Five Persons.

Voted, That Messrs Briant Parott,
Thomas Lee,
John Walker,
Isaac White, and
Jeffery Bedgood.
be the Committee.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned until Fryday next a Nine of the Clock, A. M.

Fryday, March, 29th

The Town being Assembled.

The Committee appointed the 26th. Instant to inquire into the State of the End of the Long Wharf, presented a Report, which was Read, as follows, vizt.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and regularly Assembled by Adjournment at the Town House in Boston, upon Tuesday Mar. 26, 1734. Appointing us a Committee, separate from the Select Men, to inquire into the State of the Long Wharf, in Order to plant Guns thereon.

We have this day been upon, viewed & survey'd the End of the Long Wharf, and find the same to be much decay'd and worm eaten, and by the wash of the Sea the small wood laid in the Wharf is carried away leaving great Cavities [**96.**] Therein, and the Foundation greatly weakned, Which in our opinion was not at first faithfully laid, and performed.

And in our opinion it is not in a condition of repair for the planting a Line of Guns thereon, nor can it in the present state thereof be useful or serviceable to the Town for the same. And further, We find the end of the said Long Wharf incumbred with a Crane House thereon, which ought to be free, for the Service of the Town conformable to the Original Contract, between the Proprietors of the Long Wharf and the Town of Boston.

Dated at Boston the 28th. day of Mar. Anno Dom. 1734. And humbly Submitted, by,

BRIANT PARROTT,
THOMAS LEE,
JOHN WALKER,
ISAAC WHITE,
JEFF. BEDGOOD,
} Committee.

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted.

Upon which The Honble Thomas Fitch Esqr on Account of Himself and Associates, Proprietors of the Long Wharf, John Colman Esq Jacob Wendell Esq & James Bowdoin Esqr in behalf of themselves, did promise the Town, That the end of the Long Wharf should speedily be put into a proper posture and condition to plant Guns upon, according to their Original Contract.

Voted, That the additional Row of Trees which is to be planted in the Common, be set to the Eastward of those already planted there.

Voted, That the several Writing Masters in the Town, do present, at the next General Town Meeting, [**97.**] Some of their own performances in Writing, for the Town's inspection.

Upon a Motion for Reconsidering a Vote of the Town the 15th. Instant, Fixing the Fortification on the East Side of Fort-point Channel.

A Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Whether the Town will Reconsider their Vote for fixing the Fortification on the East side of Fort-point Channel. It pass'd in the negative.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Seven Persons, as a Committee to Effect the Fortifications propos'd to be Erected in this Town.

Voted, To defer the Choice of the said Committee 'till the Afternoon.

Voted, That Mr. William Rand be a Collector of the Taxes for the Year ensuing, in the room of Mr. Jacob Sheafe, Who declined that service.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Jacob Holyoke, & for Reasons given,

Voted, That Mr. Jacob Holyoke be Excused from Serving as an Assessor for this year.

Voted, That the Plan of the Circular Line be removed from the Town Treasurer's into the Town Clerk's Office.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned until Three of the Clock, p. m.

And being again Assembled.

The Following Persons were Chosen a Com^{tee} to Effect the Fortifications, according to a Vote [**98.**] Pass'd in the Morning. vizt.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr.
Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.
Messrs. John Checkley.
Isaac White, and,
Ebenezer Thornton.

Voted, That the Town will Meet on Wednesday next, at nine of the Clock, A. M. in Order to Receive the Report of the Committee now chosen, respecting the Materials, and Method of Building the Fortifications.

Voted, That the following Petition be signed by the Select Men,

and Presented to the Great and General Court at their next Session, vizt.

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr.
Captain General and Governour in Chief,
the Honble The Council, & House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, Apr. 10. 1734.

The Representation and Petition of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth.

That the Said Town is in a very defenceless condition, That the prospect of War makes it exceeding necessary, Some considerable Works should be raised for its Security; [**99.**] That this is very much for the Safety and Welfare of the Province in general, as this Town is the Key of it, and will be most likely to be expos'd to danger in case any design be formed against the Country. And as the Trade and Business of this Town Labours under great Difficulties, and their Circumstances are very declining by reason whereof so great a Charge would be almost insupportable, It would be a high Obligation upon them, if this Great and General Court in their Wisdom and Goodness would make a Grant of a Sum of Money for that purpose, but if this should not be thought convenient — It is most Humbly Requested, That the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds be lent by the Government, to be paid, in some future years, and in such Annual proportion, by the Town of Boston, as by the Wisdom of the Court, shall be Judg'd most proper, Said Town having made a Computation and found that this Sum is necessary to put it into a defensible State.

Voted, That Mr. William Salter be One of the Assessors for the year ensuing, in the room of Mr. Jacob Holyoke, who was excused from that service.

Voted, That the Gentlemen who shall be Chosen to Visit the Schools from time to time, do Report to the Town, the Circumstances in which they shall find the said Schools.

Voted, That Mr. William Salter be excused from Serving the Town as an Assessor this year, for Reasons by him given.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned until Wednesday next, at Nine of the Clock, A. M.

[**100.**] Wednesday, April, 3d.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournm^{t}.

The Committee for Effecting the Fortifications presented their Report respecting the Materials, and Method of Building, Which was Read. Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote and Desire of the Town, of the 29th of March last, The Committee taking with them Several of the Masons & Carpenters of the Town, Who, after Viewing the place assigned for Erecting the North Battery, have Computed the Cost and Charge of Building the Foundation Five feet in heighth, with Stone and Wood.

If with Stone, The Front Wall to be Eight feet thick, with an inner Wall of Three feet, A Space of Four feet between the Walls,

Which Work will demand the Sum of One Thousand and Eighteen pounds.

If done with Timber, defended against the Worms, Six Hundred, Forty Seven pounds.

The Difference between Wood and Stone is Three Hundred, Seventy One pounds.

Upon Searching the Bottom or Flats where the South Battery is to be Built, the Ground is so loose that a Pole was run down in several places, Ten feet at least. But that about Two Hundred feet Easterly from the South Battery, or Sconce, is a good Foundation, and not nearer, on any of the Flats thereabouts, Either on the East or West Side of Fort-point Channel for Stone.

By Order of the Committee,

Boston Apr. 3. 1734. Elisha Cooke.

[**101.**] After Debate thereon,

A Question was put, as follows, Viz^{t}.

Whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote, passed the 15th March last, Affixing the Fortification on the East Side of Fort-point Channel?

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

After which the following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Whether You will have an Alteration of the Place fixed upon, by the Vote of the 15th. of March last, for the South Battery?

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Town will now come to a determination of a Place, Whereon to Erect a Fortification at the South part of the Town.

Immediately after which, Upon a Motion made, and Seconded by many.

The following Vote was put, Viz^{t}.

Whether the Town would adjourn this Meeting to Fryday next, in Order then to come to a Determination of a Place for Erecting a Fortification at the South End of the Town?

A Handy Vote being tried Twice, and remaining Doubtful, it was afterwards decided by Poll.

The Number of Voters, were, 175. Of whom 89 were for a present or immediate Determination, and 86 were for defering it until Fryday next.

[**102.**] Upon which, The Following Question was put, vizt.

Whether the Place for Erecting the South Battery shall be, Two Hundred feet East from the Sconce long since built there, Or the South Battery so called? And —

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Market shall be Opened, Or, Commence, on Monday, the Twentieth day of May, next ensuing: Public Notice thereof being given Ten days before the said Time

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Four of the Clock p. m.

Being again Assembled,

Voted, To Reconsider the Vote for fixing the additional Row of Trees (to be planted in the Common) on the East side of those already planted.

And Upon Consideration had

Voted, That the additional Row of Trees to be planted in the Common, shall be, On the West side of those already planted there, from the Burying place to Mr. Sheafe's And at such distance from the other Row, as the Select Men shall think fit.

Voted, That the Foundation of the North & South Fortifications shall be laid with Stone — as projected in the Report of the Committee, made this Day.

[**103.**] Voted, That the Heighth of the Stone Work to be laid for a Foundation of the Fortifications, be left to the discretion of the Committee for Building them.

Voted, To Reconsider the Vote of a Petition to the General Court, as Enter'd on Fryday the 29th. of March last.

It being Considered accordingly.

Voted, That Application be made to the Great and General Court, at their next Sessions, for a Grant of Ten Thousand Pounds, to Enable the Town to Effect the Fortifications propos'd to be Erected for their Defence, to be repaid by the said Town in such Annual proportions as the Court shall order and direct.

Voted, To leave the Draught of an Address to the General Court, with the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr Moderat^r^ and the Select Men.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired & Impower'd to Borrow Money, for a present Supply, for the Speedy carrying on the said Work of Fortifications, upon the Credit of this Town's Grant of Ten Thousand Pounds for that service, the 20th. of March last.

Upon a Motion, and at the Desire of the Select Men.

Voted, To Reconsider the foregoing Vote.

Which being accordingly done,

Voted That the Honble Joseph Wadsworth Esqr the Town Treasurer be Desired and Impower'd to Borrow Money (upon the Credit of this Town's Grant of Ten Thousand Pounds, on the 20th. of March last, appropriated to the use of Fortifying the Town) for a present Supply, and the [**104.**] Speedy carrying on the Said Work.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty five Pounds be Allow'd and paid out of the Town Treasury to the Honble Joseph Wadsworth Esqr for His Service in that Office the Year past.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to Visit the several Public Schools in this Town, taking with them Such Gentlemen as They shall think proper.

Messrs Daniel Ballard Junr
Andrew Sigourney, and
John Potwine,

Were Chosen Clerks of the Market, in the Room of Messrs True, Boucher and Hill.

The Hon John Osborne Esqr
Richard Bill Esqr
William Tyler Esqr
Hugh Hall Esqr and
Mr. Nathanael Cunningham.

Were Chosen and Appointed to Audit the Town Treasurer's Accounts.

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr was Chosen One of the Auditors of the Town Treasurer's Accounts, in the room of William Tyler Esqr Who was excused from that Service for Reasons by Him given.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be Presented to the Honourable Elisha Cooke Esqr for the great Pains He has taken, as Moderator of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

[**105.**] The Copy of an Address presented by the Select-Men, To the Great and General Court, agreeable to a Vote of the Town, the Third of April, 1734. Viz^t

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief, The Honble the Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, April, 10. 1734.

The Representation and Petition of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth

That the prospect of War in Europe makes it exceeding necessary that this Town be put into a proper posture of Defence and Offence, And inasmuch as the Fortifying the same will greatly tend to the Safety, Peace & Welfare of the whole Province, And should War break out, and any design be formed against this Country, in great probability, Boston will be first attacked, & obliged to sustain the strongest Efforts of an Enemy.

It is therefore most Humbly Requested, That Your Excellency, and Honours, would Grant a Sum of Money for that purpose.

But if at this present Juncture, the situation of the Public Affairs consider'd, the Great and General Court should not think it adviseable so to Order;

It is then Earnestly Desired, That the Court would be pleas'd to Grant the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in public Bills of Credit, out of the Province Treasury, to be paid into the Treasury of the Town of Boston, to Enable them to Effect such necessary Works, And Subject the Town by an Act or Law to Repay said Sum into the Public Treasury, in some future Years, in such Annual Proportion as by the Wisdom of the Court shall [**106.**] Be Judged reasonable; For that the Town of Boston, could they esteem it but Just and Reasonable to engage in this Business at their own Cost and Charge, Yet they are in no measure capable, to Raise so great a sum of Money, and subject themselves to the payment thereof in so short a time, as the carrying an end such an Affair will require.

By Order of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, regularly Assembled in a Public Town Meeting, April, 3d. 1734.

John Jeffries,
Edward Bromfield,
William Downe,
Jonathan Armitage, } Select-Men.
David Collson,
Joshua Winslow,
Alexander forsyth,

[**107.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified, and Warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in a Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, on Wednesday April, 24th. 1734.

Voted, That the Honourable Thomas Fitch Esqr be the Moderator of the present Meeting.

Peter Briton's Petition. Read.

The Select Men informing the Town that They had presented to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, a Scheme for setting up, and regulating Public Markets, according to a Vote of the last Meeting; and that they had attended the Court, and Observed that Exceptions were taken to some parts of the said Scheme, by some of the Members of said Court, tho' nothing had been passed by the Court thereon:

Wherefore the Town Enter'd into the further Consideration of the Affair of a Market.

And after some Debate,

A Scheme for setting up, and Regulating of Markets in this Town, was prepar'd, and Read.

And is as follows, Viz^{t}

Whereas, The Inhabitants of this Town Labour under many hardships and difficulties for want of an Open public Market under good regulation, Where [**108.**] Every One may resort at Stated Convenient places within the Town to buy and sell several sorts of Provisions.

For Remedy thereof,

It is Voted, and Ordered.

That Three places be, and hereby are at present assigned for the aforesaid Market, and that they may be made fit and commodious for the reception of Such as from time to time may bring their commodities there for Sale, That the Sum of Seven Hundred Pounds be allow'd & paid out of the Town Treasury to Thomas Fitch, Edward Hutchinson, Thomas Palmer, Jacob Wendell Esq^{rs} Messrs Nathanael Cunningham, James Watson, Francis Willoughby and John Steel, to enable them to Effect the Buildings, and other necessarys at the Three several places assigned for that use. And that a peice of Land bounded Easterly on Land in possession of Theophilus Lillie, there measuring One Hundred Twenty seven feet; Southerly on the Flats of Jonathan Willis, there measuring Sixty eight feet, Six inches; then bounded Westerly on Land of Samuel Welles Esqr there measuring Seventy One feet; And Southerly on Land of Said Welles, there Measuring Fifty eight feet, six inches; Fronting on the Main Street leading to Roxbury known by the name of Orange Street, over against the House and Land of Thomas Downe there measuring seventy feet; Is pitch'd upon for One of the places — That the Town's Ground or open space on the Town Dock or Wharf commonly called Dock Square, be another place — And that the Open Space before and about the Old North Meeting House is fixed upon and determined for the Third place, Where the Market is to be kept and carried on.

[**109.**] That Capt James Watson be, and hereby is Consti-

tuted and Appointed One of the Clerks of the Market, to attend at the vacant place on the Town Dock, Mr. Francis Willoughby another of the Clerks of the Market, to be and attend at Mr. Willis's Land; and Capt. John Steel is Chosen and Appointed the other Clerk of the Market, at the open space before and about the Old North Meeting House; Who are to be and remain in their Office as Clerks of the Market, until the Annual Meeting of the Freeholders, and Inhabitants in March next, and until Others are Chosen, and Appointed in their Room, and to have and receive Such Salary for their Service as shall be then Voted them by the Town; Who are to give their constant attendance, at the Opening of the Market, And there abide during the Continuation thereof, And take effectual Care, that the several Rules, Orders, and Directions for the regulating and more orderly carrying on the Market, be duly observed and kept.

Ordered.

That Every Day in the Week Except the Lord's Day, or other Days set apart by this Government for Religious Service, be a Market Day, and that a Bell be daily rung at the Opening of the Market, which shall be at at the rising of the Sun, thro' the whole year, from which hour 'till the hour one post meridiem shall forever here after be deemed and held Market Hours. And if any Person or Persons, being Inhabitants of this Town, Shall, from and after the time of the first Opening the Market, Sell, or put to Open Sale, in the said several Markets, or Either of them, any manner of provisions or other eatable Commodities, Or, shall buy any of them before the Ringing of the Market-bell, Such Offender or Offenders being thereof convict, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Ten Shillings. [**110.**] For every such Offence; And if any such Person or Persons shall presume to cheapen, or buy any Flesh, Fowles, Butter, Eggs, or other provisions (excepting such Provision and particulars as hereafter are declared to be always excepted) Or, make any previous Contract touching the same with any Seller, Or buy the same in any other place than in One of the Markets, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, being thereof duly convicted, the sum of Ten Shillings.

Provided always, any thing to the Contrary notwithstanding, That Every Butcher being an Inhabitant of Boston, may lawfully sell his meat as practised heretofore, And all Grain, Flower, Butter in Firkins, Pork, Beef, Cheese, Meat or Fish salted in Barrels imported by Sea into this Town, may be sold and exposed for Sale as heretofore usually practised, any thing before to the contrary notwithstanding.

That all sorts of Fish brought by Water, may be sold at the Wharves, and places usually improved for that purpose as heretofore, any By-Law to the Contrary notwithstanding, But all Fish caught in Rivers, Ponds and Brooks, shall be brought into, and sold in one or more of the said Markets, Frost-fish and Smelts excepted.

Provided also, That Grain, Meal, Apples, Onions, Turnips, and all sorts of Roots, Fruit and Herbs, brought into the Town by Land carriage, may be sold and exposed to Sale as formerly practised, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided likewise, That Bread, Milk, Cider, Swine brought into the Town alive, and Wild Pigeons. [**111.**] May be sold and exposed to Sale, as heretofore, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is further Ordered, That if, any Retailer, Huester or other Person, being an Inhabitant of said Town, shall by any Flesh, Fish, Fowles, Eggs, Butter, Cheese, or any other sort of Provisions Saleable in the Market, And by these Orders ought there to be brought in order to Retail the same, until after One of the Clock as aforesaid, Such Person or Persons so doing, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings, for every such Offence.

Ordered, That the several Clerks of the Market for the time being, shall take especial care, that the Laws of the Province, and the Orders of this Town legally confirm'd respecting any unwholsome or blown Victuals, offered to Sale, be duly put in Execution.

That No Cart or Team belonging to any Inhabitant of the Town of Boston, be allowed to stand near the Entrance of the Market-place or places, but shall immediately depart upon Order of the Clerk of the Market to the Owner, or Driver so to do, under the penalty of Five Shillings for refusal, or neglect thereof.

That proper persons be appointed to keep clean the Markets, and to be under the direction of the Clerks of the Market in their so doing, and shall be paid, out of the Town Treasury, by Order of the Select Men.

That the Clerks of the Market are hereby Required and Directed to prosecute any Person or Persons Trespassing against any of the Rules or Orders before mentioned, and that the said Clerks of the Market, or [**112.**] Any other Persons who shall sue for, and recover any Fines, Forfeitures, Sum or Sums of Money, Arising from the breach of any of these Orders, Shall be intitled to receive the value of One half of the Sum so recovered, out of the Town Treasury.

Provided always, Nothing herein Contained be intended, meant or construed, to abridge the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney Marsh, from buying or Selling any Provisions as Usual in said District.

It is Ordered, That the Market shall be Opened, on Tuesday, the Fourth day of June, next ensuing, Notice thereof being given in the Public Prints of this Town.

Voted, That the Scheme for setting up, and Regulating Markets, as now Read, be Accepted.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to present the Scheme of a Market as now Voted, To the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk at their Adjournment, on Monday next, for Their Approbation.

Upon the Petition of Peter Briton — After Considerable Debate thereon,

Voted, That the further consideration thereof, be refer'd to the next Town Meeting

Voted, That all other things refer'd to this Meeting for further Consideration, be also continued to the next Meeting

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**113.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and Warned as the Law Directs, being regularly Assembled, in a Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Wednesday, the 8th of May, Anno Domini, 1734.

After Prayer by the Reverend Mr. Charles Chauncey.

The Law being Read, Directing that Town Meetings for Choice of Representatives be regulated by the Select Men.

A Question was put. Viz^{t}

Quest. Whether the Town will now proceed to the Choice of a Moderator for this Meeting?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr be the Moderator for the Present Meeting.

Sundry Petitions were Read. Viz^{t}

Of Sundry Inhabitants, for widening Common Street, and part of Frog Lane.

Of William Parkman and others for Liberty to Lay down Ways, at the Slip in North Street, for Accomodation of the Ferry.

Of George Steuart and Joseph Cowell, for removing the Gun House in the Common.

Of Thomas Moulin &c. Sextons, for Liberty to Dig in the Burying Grounds.

Of Matthias Cowdery and Others, Watchmen, for addition to their Allowance.

Of Samuel Hoyoke, for Addition to his Salary.

Of Peter Britton, That his former Petition may be considered, And himself released from Prison.

Of Daniel Pecker &c. Collectors, That the Assessors [**114.**] May have liberty to make reasonable abatements on the Taxes of the last year.

Mr. Joseph Marion made a Motion, That the Town would give Instructions to their Representatives, relating to the Fines of the Militia.

Voted, To Proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being Collected the Number of Voters were found to be .....604.

And that upon sorting them, the Three following Gentlemen were duly Elected by a Major part of the Voters. Viz^{t}

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr.....No. of Votes 346.

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr .....574.

Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher.....317.

Voted, To defer the Choice of the *Fourth* Representative, till the Afternoon.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock, p.m.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment, Proceeded to the Choice of One Representative.

The Number of Voters were.....603.

The Votes being Sorted, it appear'd, That

Samuel Welles Esqr was duly Elected by a Major part of the Voters.....Number of Votes, 302.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired and directed to prepare the Draught of a Petition, to be Presented to the Great and General Court. [**115.**] At their next Sessions, For a Grant of the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, to Enable the Town to Erect Fortifications for their defence and safety.

Upon the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of this Town for Widening Common Street, and part of Frog Lane.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Treat with the Abutters, and make Report thereon, at the Adjournment of this Meeting, Or, at the next Town Meeting.

Voted, That Nathanael Green Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Marion, &
Samuel Adams Esqr.
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Upon the Petition of Dr. Steuart and I. Cowel for Removing the Gun House in the Common.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired, and directed to Remove the said Gun House to such Place, and at such distance, as they shall think proper and convenient, at the Charge of the Petitioners.

Upon the Petition of Mr. William Parkman and Others for Liberty to Lay down Ways for accomodation of a Ferry.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Consider the subject Matter, of the said Petition, and Report What they think proper for the Town to do thereon.

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Lee,
Anthony Stoddard Esqr &
Mr. John Staniford,
be a Committee for the End aforesaid.

[**116.**] Upon Benjamin Fisher's Petition for Liberty to Erect a Wind mill on Forthill, Refer'd to the Select Men at the Meeting in March last, to consider thereof and Report thereon. They made Report thereon accordingly, as follows, Viz^{t}

May. 3^{d}. 1734.

We have maturely considered the Subject of the above Petition, and are of Opinion, that it be dismist.

JOHN JEFFRIES.
EDWARD BROMFIELD JUN^{R}
WILLIAM DOWNE.
JONATHAN ARMITAGE.
DAVID COLSON.
ALEXANDER FORSYTH.

Which being Read.

Voted, That the Said Report be Accepted.

Upon the Petition of Thomas Moulin & Others Sextons, for Liberty to Dig in the Burying Grounds.

Voted, To leave the same to the Select Men, to Order and Direct what they may think proper to be done in that affair.

Upon the Petition of Matthias Cowdery and Others Watchmen, for Addition to their Allowance.

Voted, That it be referr'd to the Select Men, to consider the Subject Matter of the Said Petition, and Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting, or at the next Meeting.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr made a Motion with respect to the Encroachments on the Rights of the Town.

[**117.**] Messrs Timothy Barron.
Nathanael Wheeler.
Seth Foster, and
Caleb Rea.

Were Chosen to serve as Clerks of the Market for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, until Fryday, the 17th. Instant, at 3 of the Clock, p. m.

Fryday, May, 17th.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Voted, That this present Meeting be further Adjourned, until Tuesday next, the 21st of May current, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, May, 21st.

The Town being according Assembled.

The Committee appointed the 8th. instant, to consider the subject matter of the Petition of William Parkman, and others, for Liberty to lay down Ways for Accommodation of a Ferry, made Report thereon as follows, Viz^t

We the Subscribers having recd the aforewritten Vote of the Town of Boston, have been upon and viewed the several Places that were recommended to the Town for a Ferry Way to be made down to the Sea for the more Easy Passing Winisimet Ferry, and have considered the Subject Matter of the Petition now Lying before the Town.

And are humbly of Opinion, That the Town Slip of Land at the lower End of North Street is most convenient to be improved, as a Landing Place in passing Winisimet [**118.**] Ferry so called, and that the said Town Slip of Land, be only improved su a Landing place on this Side the Ferry, and not otherwise cinamber'd, Provided the Petitioners, at their own cost and Charge, make and Lay Sufficient Ways for the said Ferry to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

Dated at Boston May 21st. 1734.

ANTHONY STODDARD.
THOMAS LEE.
JOHN STANIFORD.

Upon which a Question was put. Viz^t.

Quest. Whether the Town will Accept the Report of the said Committee?

It pass'd in the Negative.

Quest. Whether You will grant the Prayer of the said Petition?

It pass'd in the Negative.

Upon the Petition of Mr. John Procter, for some further addition to his Salary, being Read.

A Question was put as follows, Viz

Quest. Whether or no, You are Willing to Raise the Stipends,

Pay or Salarys of Your Writing Schoolmasters, for the Year Current?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

Upon the Petition of Daniel Pecker &c. Collect^rs of the Taxes for the Year 1733.

Voted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be Granted. And the Assessors have accordingly Liberty Granted them to sit 'till the latter end of July next, in Order to make such abatements on [**119.**] The said Taxes, as to them shall seem just & reasonable.

Voted, That Mr. John Staniford be One of the Assessors for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That the Town will now Proceed to the Choice of a Master of the South Grammar School by Written Votes.

Mr. John Lovel was accordingly Unanimously Chosen Master of the South Grammar School in this Town, to Succeed the Rev. Mr. Nathanael Williams.

Voted, That the Stipend, Pay or Salary, with the Emoluments of the said School, now belonging to the Rev. Mr. Williams, the present Master thereof, Shall be and belong to the said Mr. Lovel, for the Year Current, Or 'till further Order: the same to Commence, On his being Introduced to the said Mastership.

Voted, A Grant of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds, to be Raised on Polls and Estates within the Town, for the Relief of the Poor, defraying the Charge of the Watches, and other necessary Expences, arising within and for the Said Town, the Year ensuing.

Voted, That the Town will take into their further Consideration the Petition of Peter Briton.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three of the Clock afternoon.

The Town being Assembled.

Voted, That the Committee for Effecting the Fortifications of this Town, be Directed, That when They have Obtained, Or, may be furnished with Money for the present carrying on the Same, by private Loan, [**120.**] They do apply the same in the first place, for, and towards Laying the Foundation of the North Battery.

The Select Men, in pursuance of a Vote of this Town the 8th. Instant, Having prepared an Address, to the Great and General Court, the same was Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be further desired, and directed, to Sign the Said Address, and Present the same to the Great and General Court, at the next Sessions.

Upon a Motion made, at the Opening of this Meeting, by Mr. Joseph Marion, for giving Instructions to the Representatives of the Town. After Debate thereon,

The following Question was put, Viz^t

Quest. Whether You do Give it as an Instruction to the Representatives of this Town, That they shall, to the utmost of their power and Skill, Oppose all Motions or Endeavours, for the Settling A Salary on the Governour for the time being?

It Pass'd in the Affimative Unanimously.

A further Motion being made to Give Instructions to the Representatives, respecting the Fines of the Militia

The Following Question was put, Viz^{t}

Quest. Whether You will give any Instructions to Your Representatives, respecting the Fines of the Militia?

[**121.**] It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, To Give it as an Instruction to the Representatives of this Town, To Oppose any Bill or Bills that may be brought forward in the Great and General Court, for Raising the Fines of the Militia, Unless, in the said Bill there be a Proviso That the Officer, Or, Officers, to whom the fines of Delinquents are paid, Shall be Accountable therefor, to the Treasurers of the several Towns, from time to time.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

The Copy of an Address Presented to the Great & General Court, by the Select men of the Town of Boston, pursuant to Votes of the said Town the 8th & 21st of May 1734 — Viz^{t}

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Capt^{a} General and Govern^{r} in Chief; The Honourable the Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, May 29th 1734.

The Representation, and Address of the Town of Boston. — Humbly Sheweth —

That the prospect of War in Europe, renders it highly Necessary, That this Town be put into a proper posture of Defence, and Offence; Forasmuch as (should there be a Rupture, and any Design form'd and Executed against this Country) Boston would, in great probability, be first Attacked, and Obliged to Sustain the strongest Efforts of the Enemy: And whereas the Fortifying the same, will greatly promote His Majesty's Honour and Dignity here, much tend to the Safety, Peace, and Welfare of His Good Subjects throughout this Province, And also be for the security (**122.**) Of the very valuable Effects constantly Lodg'd in this Place, on Account of His Majesty's good Subjects in Great Britain.

It is therefore most Humbly Requested, That Your Excell^{cy} & Hon^{rs} would, out of your Great Goodness Grant a Sum of Money for that Purpose.

But if the General Court should not think proper so to Order.— It is then humbly and earnestly intreated.

That yor. Excell^{cy} & Hon^{rs} would be pleased to Grant the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in Public Bills of Credit out of the Province Treasury, to be paid into the Treasury of this Town to Enable them to Effect such necessary Works, and subject the Town by an Act or Law to repay said Sum into the Public Treasury in some future Years, in such annual proportion, as by the Wisdom of the Court shall be judged most reasonable. —

May it please Yo^{r}. Excellency and Honours —

We cannot but humbly Apprehend, that by Yo^{r}. favourable Regard to this Petition of the Town of Boston, they might be put

into such a state of Defence, as might much better secure, Not only their own Peace and Welfare, but that of all other the Inhabitants of this His Majesty's Province or Territory.

And therefore, could it be thought just & reasonable for the Town to Engage in this Affair at their own Cost and Charge, Yet they are at this Juncture under great Necessity to make this Humble Application to Yo^r. Excellency and Honours for aid and relief on this Important Occasion — Since the Trade of the Town (their only support) is under such great decay, and consequently the Inhabitants under such Impoverishing Circumstances, That it is impracticable for them by a Present Tax, to raise so large a Sum, as is absolutely necessary, to Accomplish this great Affair of the Fortifications.

JOHN JEFFRIES.
EDWARD BROMFIELD.
WILLIAM DOWNE.
JONATHAN ARMITAGE. } Select Men.
DAVID COLLSON.
JOSHUA WINSLOW.
ALEXANDER FORSYTH.

[**123.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, Duly Qualified, and warned as the Law directs being Regularly Assembled in a Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Tuesday, June, 25th 1734.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr be Moderator of the Present Meeting.

Sundry Petitions were Read, Viz^t

Of sundry Inhabitants, respecting the Town Butchers selling their Meat in the Publick Markets.

Of Mr. William Parkman and Others for Liberty to lay down Ways at the End of North street for Accommodation of the Ferry.

Mr. Treasurer Wadsworth made a Motion, That the Town would take into Consideration, the Raising of Ten Thousand Pounds for Effecting Fortifications, Which was Voted at a Meeting, on the 20th of March last past.

The Report of a Committee appointed the 8th of May last on the Affair of Widening Common Street, and Frog Lane — Read.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, That the Town would come into some proper Measures to prevent the Town Butchers from Selling their Meat in the Publick Markets — Read and debated on.

Voted, To Proceed to the Choice of a Committee to Consider the subject Matter of the said Petition, And what They think proper for the Town to do in that Affair; and Report the same at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted That the Select Men be the said Committee.

[**124.**] Upon the Report of a Committee appointed to Consider the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for Widening Common Street, and part of Frog Lane.

The following Questions was put, Viz^t

Quest. Whether the Town would take into further Consideration the affair of Widening Common Street, and Frog Lane?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

The Petition of Mr. William Parkman and Others for Liberty to lay down and maintain Good and Sufficient Ways, for Accommodation of the Ferry, at the End of North street, Read again, as follows, Viz^{t}.

Boston, June 17. 1734.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston

Whereas at the last Town Meeting, Our Petition for Liberty to lay down Ways at the lower end of North Street was not Granted.

We whose Names are here unto Subscribed with Others, Desire Liberty to Lay down, and Maintain for Twenty or Thirty years, Good and Sufficient Ways, for the Landing of Passengers from Winisimet, at the Towns Slip at the lower End of North Street, To the Satisfaction of the Select Men, during said Term.

William Parkman.
Elias Parkman.
Thomas Stoddard.
John Greenough.
John Baker jun^{r}.
Newman Greenough.

[**125.**] Voted That the Prayer of this Petition be Granted. And, That the Petitioners William Parkman, and his Associates, accordingly have Liberty to Lay down the said Ways, at the Towns Slip, at the lower End of North Street, for the Landing of Passengers from Winisimet: Provided — They make them Good and Sufficient, And Maintain them for the full Term of Thirty Years next coming. to the Satisfaction of the Select Men of the Town of Boston, for the Time being,

The Honble Thomas Fitch, and Jacob Wendell Esq^{rs} with sundry Other Proprietors of the Long Wharf. Presented a Memorial or Petition to the Select Men, Desiring it might be inserted in the Warrant for calling the next Town Meeting. In Order to Obtain Leave of the Town, to make out an Addition of Ten, Twelve, or Fourteen feet to the said Wharf to make the same more suitable and substantial for the planting A Line of Guns thereon.

The said Memorial, or Petition being Read

The Following Question was put, Viz^{t}

Quest. Whether the Town would take the said Petition into Consideration?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

Upon a Motion made by the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr as enter'd the 8th of May 1734. Respecting the Encroachments made on the Rights of the Town — The Town now came into the Consideration of the said Motion, and

Voted That Messrs. Joseph Marion
[**126.**] John Walker
William Stoddard
Jeffery Bedgood &
Bryant Parott

be a Committee to Prosecute in the Law, all Such Persons as have made Encroachments on the Town's Rights.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday next, at Five of the Clock. p. m.

Fryday, June 28th. 1734.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

The Select Men, who were appointed a Committee, the 25th. instant, to Consider the Subject Matter of the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, Praying the Town to come into some proper Measures to prevent the Town Butchers from Selling their Meat in the Public Markets; And to Think what may be proper for the Town to do thereon, Having accordingly prepared a Vote respecting the same, They presented it to the Town for their Consideration, in Order to its being made a By-Law. Which is as follows, Vizt

Whereas it is found by Experience, That the Public Markets lately Established in the Town of Boston (which were chiefly designed for the Accommodation of the Country People) are very much incumber'd by the Butchers dwelling within the said Town, bringing their Meat there to Sell.

[**127.**] For Remedy thereof.

It is Voted and Ordered. That no Butcher, being an Inhabitant of the Town of Boston, Shall, either by himself or his Servant, or any other Person employed by him bring any sort of Provisions into any of the said Places assigned for the Markets, there to Sell, or Expose the same to Sale.

And if any Butcher either by himself, his Servant or any other Person, as aforesaid, from and after the Eighth day of July next, Shall presume to bring any Sort of Provisions into any of the said Markets, and sell, or expose the same to Sale there, Or within the bounds & limits thereof, And be duly convicted of the same, He or She so Offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence: Any By-Law of this Town to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

The which Vote, as now enter'd, being Read —

Voted — That the same be accepted, confirmed and Established.

Voted — That the Select Men be desired to present the said Vote or By-Law (to prevent the Town Butchers from Selling their Meat in the Public Markets) to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Suffolk, at their next Sessions for Approbation.

The Select Men further Reported, as follows, Vizt

The Select Men are of Opinion, That upon Application made by the Butchers, it may be adviseable for the Town to build Stalls for them, at a suitable [**128.**] Distance from the several Market places, They paying a reasonable Monthly Rent for the same, And to be under the Regulation of whom the Town shall think fit to Appoint.

Which being Read; The Question was put, as follows, Vizt

Quest. Whether the Town do Accept of the Report of the Select Men, relating to the building Stalls for the Town Butchers, upon Application made therefor?

Voted — In the Affirmative.

Voted — That the Select Men for the time being, be desired, and Appointed to take the said Affair under their Care and Regulation.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. Treas^{r} Wadsworth at the Opening of this Meeting, relating to a Vote of this Town, pass'd the 20th March last, for the Raising Ten Thousand pounds for Fortifications

Voted — That the said Motion be incerted in the next Warrants for a Town Meeting ——— That so the same may properly come under consideration. And in the mean time, the Select Men are directed Not to deliver the Assessors, the said Vote, for Raising Ten Thousand pounds for Fortifications, until that Affair has been again Considered Accordingly.

Whereas, Messrs David Melvil and Matthias Cowdery have been employ'd as Assistants to the [**129.**] Clerk of the Market in Dock square.

Voted, That the said Persons, or any Other, be still employ'd in that service until the next Town Meeting; And that it be incerted in the Warrants, in Order, for the Town then to Consider of that Affair.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr made a Motion, which was seconded by Mr Thomas Cushing, For an Explanation of a Vote of this Town, pass'd, and enter'd on Tuesday May, 21st 1734. —— Which Vote was Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}

Voted, To give it as an Instruction to the Representatives of this Town, To Oppose any Bill or Bills that may be brought forward in the Great and General Court for raising the Fines of the Militia, Unless in the said Bill there be a Proviso, That the Officer or Officers to whom the fines of Delinquents are paid, shall be accountable therefor to the Treasurers of the several Towns, from time to time.

Upon which the following Question was put, Viz^{t}

Quest. Whether You do not apprehend, That it was the true intent and meaning of this Town, at their said Meeting and in the fore recited Vote, That Yo^{r}. Representatives should strenuously Oppose the Raising of the Fines of the Militia —— But, if a Bill was likely to pass for that End —— Then they should Endeavour, That a clause or paragraph should be brought into such Bill, to Oblige the Captains, or other Officers receiving such Fines, to be accountable to the Town Treasurers of the Several Towns?

Voted — In the Affirmative.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

[**130.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and warned as the Law directs, being regularly Assembled in a public Town Meeting, at the Town House, on Wednesday, July 31. 1734.

Voted — That the Honble Thomas Fitch Esqr be the Moderator of the present Meeting.

A Memorial of Thomas Palmer Esqr and Mr. Henry Gibbs, Read ———

A List of Encroachments on Town Rights — Read.

Mr. Joseph Marion made a Motion, Viz^{t} That the Original Reports of Committees respecting Encroachments on Town Rights might be publickly Read, before the Meeting be Dismist.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Treasurer Wadsworth Respecting the Vote of this Town, the 20th of March, last, for Raising the Sum of Ten Thousand pounds, for Erecting Fortifications, Which said Motion was under Consideration at the last Town Meeting, And referred to this present Meeting.

The said Vote for Raising the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for Fortification, as enter'd the 20th March, 1733. was Read.

Upon which the following Question being put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether it be the mind of the Town to Reconsider the said Vote for Raising Ten Thousand Pounds for Fortifications?

Voted in the Affirmative.

[**131.**] Quest. Whether it be the mind of the Town, That the Vote for Raising Ten Thousand pounds for Fortifications pass'd and enter'd the 20th of March last, be Reversed?

Voted in the Affirmative.

The Committee appointed the 15th of March last to prepare Carriages for Mounting the Cannon belonging to the Town, Presenting the Acounts of their Disbursements, the following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether it be Your mind, That the Select Men, be a Committee to Audit and Examin the said Accounts, And upon their finding them right and just, that they take the usual method for payment, Viz^{t}. By drawing on the Town Treasurer for the same?

Voted, In the Negative

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee to receive and examin the Accounts of Disbursements by the Committee appointed the 15th of March last, to prepare Carriages for Mounting the Cannon, And that they Report their Opinion thereon, at the next Town Meeting; That so, suitable provision may be made for their payment.

Whereas, a Committee was appointed the 25th of June last, to prosecute in the Law, all such Persons as have made Encroachments on the Towns Rights — And they have desired, That particular Instructions may be given them relating to that affair.

Voted, That the giving Instructions to said Committee, appointed to prosecute those that Encroach, upon the Rights [**132.**] Of the Town, be deferr'd to the next Town Meeting. And in the mean time, the Select Men are directed to prepare Instructions for the said Committee accordingly, and to lay them before the Town, at their next Meeting for consideration.

Upon the Memorial of the Honble Thomas Palmer Esqr and Mr. Henry Gibbs, Read again,

Voted — That the said Memorial be dismist, For that the Town are of Opinion, the Lands or Wharves mentioned therein, belong to the Town already.

Whereas, The Affair of an Assistant to the Clerk of the Market on Dock Square was referr'd to the Consideration of this Meeting — The same was debated — And the Following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether it be Your Mind to allow any Assistant to the Clerk of the Market, on Dock Square?

Voted, In the Negative.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**133.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, being regularly Assembled in a Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Wednesday, Aug. 28th 1734.

Voted, To Chuse a Moderator for this Meeting by written Votes.

The Votes being accordingly Collected and sorted, it appeared, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Moderator, by a Majority of the Votes.

The Select Men being Appointed the 31st of July last, a Committee to Receive and Examin the Accounts of a Committee Chosen the 15th of March last, to prepare Carriages for mounting the Cannon belonging to the Town — Reported, — That they had accordingly Examin'd the said Accounts — And are of Opinion, That the Sum of Six hundred and Sixty nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Ten pence, is justly due and Owing from the Town of Boston to the said Committee.

In Consideration of the Expences of the Committee for preparing Carriages for the Great Guns, amounting to the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty Nine pounds, Twelve Shillings and Ten pence — As also the Committee for Effecting the Fortifications, their Expences for a Boat Load of Stones, and other Charges, amounting to about Forty five pounds.

Voted, That the sum of Seven Hundred & Fourteen pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten pence, be Raised on Polls and Estates, within the Town of Boston for Defraying the Charges above mentioned.

[**134.**] Upon a Motion made (and seconded) to Consider of further carrying on the necessary Fortifications of the Town — The following Question was put, Vizt

Quest. Whether the Town will come into the further Consideration of the Affair of Fortifications at this present Meeting?

Voted in the Negative.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired and impowred to take the Care of, and Secure the Carriages of the Cannon; together with the other Stores of War, belonging to the Town, in such Way and manner, as to them may seem best.

The Select Men being Directed to prepare Instructions for the Committee appointed to prosecute in the Law, Such as have made Encroachments on the Towns Rights, Reported, That they have not had time to prepare the same.

Voted, That the said Affair be referr'd to the next Town Meeting — And the Select Men are Earnestly desired, and directed, in the mean time to prepare the said Instructions, and to lay them before the Town, at the said Meeting, for their Consideration Accordingly.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee, to Enquire into the Complaints of Sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, relating to the High

Way or street at the Southend, leading round Windmill Point, being stopt up.

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Gardner,
[135.] Joseph Wadsworth Esqr and
Timothy Clark Esqr
be the Committee for the Ends aforesaid ——— And that They make a Report to the Town at their next Meeting, What They think proper to be done thereon.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, being regularly Assembled in a Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, on Fryday, December, 27th 1734.

Voted, To Chuse a Moderator by a Handy vote.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr be the Moderator of the Present Meeting. ——— Who Accepted that Service upon Condition, that He might withdraw, if the Public Affairs should require his attendance in the General Court, now sitting.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants, presented to the Select Men, relating to the Demands, made in the Law, by James Everills Heirs — Read.

Mr. Samuel Gibson's Petition — Read.

The Affairs of the General Court requiring the present Attendance of the Moderator, He accordingly withdrew — Whereupon the Town proceeded to the Choice of Another.

Voted, That Capt Nathanael Cunningham be Moderator of this Meeting ——— In the Room of the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr

Upon the Petition of sundry Inhabitants relating to [136.] The Demands made in the Law, by James Everill's heirs.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee, to make diligent and strict search into the Public Records of the County & Town, That so, what relates to the Demands made in the Law by James Everill's Heirs, may fully and fairly appear, Agreeable to a Petition of Sundry Inhabitants presented to the Select Men.

Voted — That the said Committee consist of five Persons.

Voted, That William Stoddard Esqr
Messrs Benjamin Emmons,
Joseph Marion,
Timothy Prout, and
John Walker,
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That the Select Men be directed in the Name of the Town of Boston, To Petition the General Court, that the Process in several Cases, depending between this Town, and Mr. Everill's Heirs may be staid, that so, they may have proper Time to prepare for their defence.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[137.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders of the Town of Boston, at the Town House, upon Thursday the 16th of January, 1734 — By Virtue of a Warrant under the Hands and Seal of

William Dudley and Anthony Stoddard Esq^{rs} Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk Quorum Unus; In Order to the Choice of a Person to be Register of Deeds and Conveyances of Land in the said County in the Room of John Ballantine Esqr Deceased ——— Being Lawfully Warned and regularly Assembled.

The Freeholders present, Voted To Chuse a Moderator for the present Meeting, by written Votes.

The Votes being accordingly Collected, it appeared That Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Moderator by a Majority of Votes.

Then the Freeholders proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds and Conveyances of Land in the County of Suffolk ——— Which Votes being Collected, were Sealed up in the presence of the Meeting by Abijah Adams One of the Constables of the said Town of Boston, to be by him Kept, & returned by him to the Aforesaid William Dudley and Anthony Stoddard Esqr Pursuant to the Directions in their said Warrant.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

[**138.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, being Regularly Assembled, in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, Upon Monday March 10th. 1734.

After Prayer, by the Reverend Mr. Joshua Gee.

Voted, That Elisha Cooke Esq. be the Moderator of the Present Meeting.

Sundry Laws Read

Sundry Petitions, and Proposals Read and Motions made, Viz^{t}

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants relating to the Markets.

Proposals to prevent the growing Charges of the Town.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh.

Petitions - - For Paving part of School Street.
- - - - - - - - - - - - Orange Street.
- - - - - - - - - - - - North Street & Lynn Street.
- - - - - - - - - - - - Green Lane.
- - - - - - - - - - - - Prince Street.
- - - - - - - - - For Ringing the South Bell.
- - - - Of Mr. Samuel Gibson, to Augment his Salary.
- - - - Of Mr. Samuel Holyoke - - - Ditto.
- - - - Of Mr. Zech^{r} Hicks - - - - Ditto.
- - - - Of Mr. Sendall Williams - - - Ditto.
- - - - Of the Companys belonging to the Water Engines.
- - - - Of Mr. Samuel Clark.
- - - - Of Mr. William Rand.
- - - - Of Mrs. Abihail Chamberlain.

Samuel Checkley Esqr (County Treasurer) his Letter.

List of Encroachments on Town Rights

Mr. Joseph Marion's Proposals.

Mr. Marion made a Motion relating to the keeping the Streets clean.

Mr. Jonathan Williams made a Motion relating to his Care of the Granary, And his Allowance therefor, And also at the North End.

[**139.**] Mr. Jonathan Williams made a Motion also relating to the Cow-Commonages.

The Select Men made a Motion relating to the Porters on the Town Dock; It being the Desire of Several Merchants that the said Porters might be brought under some proper Regulation.

Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing, and Sworn.

Voted, To Chuse Seven Select Men. Accordingly,

John Jeffries Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. Edward Bromfeild.
Capt. William Downe.
Capt. Jonathan Armitage.
Mr. David Collson, and
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.

Were Chosen Select Men, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, To Chuse Nine Overseers of the Poor. **And**

Jacob Wendell Esqr.
John Ruck Esqr.
Henry Dering Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
Mr. John Hunt.
Capt. Samuel Greenwood.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.
Capt. John Hill, and
Mr. Thomas Hubbard.

Were accordingly Chosen Overseers of the Poor, for ye Year Ensuing.

Voted, That Joseph Wadsworth Esqr be the Town Treasurer for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting 'till Three of the Clock Afternoon.

The Town being again Assembled.

Voted, To Chuse Seven Assessors. Accordingly.

[**140.**] Messrs Jonas Clark.
James Watson.
Daniel Loring.
Peter Thomas.
Richard Buckley.
John Staniford, and
Joshua Blanchard.

Were Chosen Assessors, for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, To Chuse Collectors of the Taxes, distinct from the Constables.

Voted, To Chuse Three Collectors. Accordingly.

Capt. Daniel Pecker,
Mr. William Rand, and
Capt. Nathanael Barber,

Were Chosen, to be Collectors of the Rates and Taxes for the year ensuing.

Voted, that Mr. John Brentnal be the Collector of the Rates and Taxes within the District of Rumney Marsh, for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. John Brentnal be the Constable, for Rumney Marsh, the Year Ensuing. ——— Who was Accordingly Sworn.

Voted, To Chuse a Surveyor of Hemp and Flax, by a Hand Vote, Accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Isaac Gridley be Surveyor of Hemp and Flax within this Town, the year ensuing And Sworn.

Voted, To Chuse Twelve Constables. Accordingly

Messrs. John Collson,
Benjamin Fitch,
Peter Chardon,
John Gooch - - - - - - - - - -
Thomas Simpkins - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Samuel Green - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Joshua Henshaw Junr. - - - - - - -
Edmund Negus, - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Samuel Cravath - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
[141.] Edward Jackson
Nathanael Gardner - - - - - - - -
Jeremiah Green - - - - - - - - -

Were Chosen Constables for the ensuing year.

Voted, That Messrs Elisha Tuttle, and
Benjamin Floyd,
be Fence Viewers in the District of Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Messrs. Robert Levenston, and
Nathanael Tuttle,
be Hogreves for Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Pratt, be Surveyor of the High Ways in Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. John Hasey, be the Sealer of Leather in the District of Rumney Marsh ——— for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Affairs of the Market; The Choice of County Treasurer; And the Proposals to prevent the growing Charges of the Town, be brought under Consideration Tomorrow Morning, at Nine of the Clock And in the same Order as they stand now entred.

Voted, That the Select Men, or some or them, be desired to wait on the Committee of the Old South Meeting House, And Desire that the Town may Meet therein Tomorrow Morning, if there should be Occasion for it. And if they should Refuse the same, Then that they take some prudent care that the Meeting may be held in One or Other of the Places of Publick Worship within the Town.

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney Marsh, Read again, And

Upon the Motion, and at the Instance of Samuel Watts Esqr. Mr. Jacob Hasey and Others, Principal Subscribers to the said Petition, it was,

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to take the said Petition under Consideration, Who are to Report [142.] To the Town at their Annual Meeting in March next, What they think proper for the Town to do in the Affair.

Voted, That the said Committee consist of Five Persons.

Voted that Mr. Robert Rand
Samuel Adams Esqr.
William Stoddard Esqr.
Mr. Timothy Prout, and
Mr. Joseph Marion.
be a Committee for the End aforesaid.

Upon the Petition of Mrs. Abihail Chamberlain Widow of Jacob Chamberlain, the late Constable for Rumney Marsh, Deceased ——— Which was Read again.

Voted, To allow Six Months from this time, for the said Mrs. Abihail Chamberlain to Accompt with the Town Treasurer ——— And that the Assessors also be allowed to make such Abatements as they shall judge proper, Agreeable to the Prayer of the Petitioner.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting Until Tomorrow Morning at Nine of the Clock.

Tuesday March 11th The Town being Assembled,

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting to the Meeting House of the Old North Church.

Voted, That whatever damage may happen to the Pews or Seats in the said House by reason or means of the Town's Meeting there, shall be Repaired at the Town's Charge.

The Town being Assembled accordingly.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants relating to the Markets (Desiring that the Houses Erected for the same may be appropriated to some other Use) was Read.

And after Debate thereon, ———

A Motion was made and Seconded, Viz^{t}.

That the Mind of the Town might be known, Viz^{t}.

Whether They would now proceed to Act upon the said Petition? And, in Order thereto,

[**143.**] A previous Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether it should be by written Votes?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

[Accordingly, Those who were for proceeding to Act upon the said Petition, were directed to Write *Yea*, and those Who were not for Acting upon it were directed to Write *Nay*.]

The Votes being Collected, It Appeared that the Voters were, in Number .....652.

Of Which Number.....275 were Yea.

And.....377 ——— Nay.

According to Order, The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for the Choice of A County Treasurer.

Which Votes being Collected were Sealed up in the Presence of the Meeting by Capt. George Gibbs, One of the Constables of the Town of Boston, to be by Him kept, and Returned by him to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County of Suffolk, As the Law directs.

Messrs. Bartholomew Green - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Samuel Goffe, Junr - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Alexander Parkman
Capt. George Gibbs - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Capt. Peter Kenwood.
Mr. John Tyng - - - - - - - - - - . Excus'd.
Mr. John Allen
Mr. Joseph Goldthwait - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That the further Consideration of the Affairs relating to the Market, That is to say, The Pay or Allowance to be made to the Clerks of the Market for their Attendance and service the year past; And the Accounts of the Committee for Building the Markets, be Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, At Ten of the Clock.

[**144.**] Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting to the Town House, To Meet at Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

The Town being Met,

The Proposals of sundry Inhabitants, in Order to prevent the growing Charges of the Town — Read —

A Motion was made and Seconded, And Accordingly

Voted, That the Consideration of the said Proposals be deferred 'till Tomorrow at Three of the Clock Afternoon — And that the Overseers of the Poor be desired to be present at the same time.

Messrs. John Legg - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Joseph Grouard - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
William Beer - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
John Wood - - - - - - - - - - - Refused.
Samuel Procter - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Thomas Clark - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Benjamin Babbidge - - - - - - - Sworn.
Joseph Cowel - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Messrs. Samuel May - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
William Young - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
James Dawson - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Nathanael Hodgdon - - - - - - - Sworn.
Joshua Dodge - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messrs Moses Ayres - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Roger Stainer - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Benjamin Russell
John Endicot - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Matthew Barnard - - - - - - - - Sworn.
John Adams
William More - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Fence Viewers.

Messrs. Edward Moberly - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Thomas Foster - - - - - - - - -
Edward Richards - - - - - - - - Sworn.
[**145.**] William Paine - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Samuel Clark jun^r - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Francis More - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Viewers of Shingles, Measurers of Boards, &c.

Messrs. John Smibert - - -	Excused.	Constables (in margin)
Thomas Palmer Junr -		
Joseph Calef - - -	Sworn.	
Francis Smith - - -		

Voted, That Mr. John Tyng be Excused from serving in the Office of a Constable (to which he was Chosen this day) for Reasons by him given.

Messrs John Fitch,
Joseph Jackson,
George Skinner,
Barret Dyre,
Andrew Tyler, - - - - - - - - - - - - Excused.
William Coffin,
Ezekiel Carver,
George Monk
John Welland,
John Taylor,
Nathanael Gardner.
Nathanael Greenwood,
John Holyoke,
Thomas Hill,
Thomas Boucher.

Were Chosen Scavengers.

Messrs. Gayer Coffin - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Nathanael March - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Samuel Gray - - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
James Hill - - - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Hogreves.

The Petition of Mr. William Wheeler and Others, Masters of the Water Engines in the Town, Desiring the Town would Excuse them from Serving in any Other Offices for the Year ensuing.——— Read.———

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted

[**146.**] The Petition of several Inhabitants, for Paving at the lower end of Prince Street, near Charlestown Ferry,

Read again ———

Voted — That inasmuch as there are several other Petitions Presented to the Town for Paving in several Streets That They be all now Read, That so the Town may better Consider of them, in Order to Pass upon them.

And upon a Motion made and Seconded.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee, To Compute the Charges of Paving in the several Streets propos'd, and to View & Consider what Places may stand in most need thereof And to make a Report thereon to the Town at their next General Town-Meeting.

Voted, That the said Committee Consist of Five Persons.

Voted–That Timothy Clark Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
Messrs John Walker,
Timothy Prout, and
Isaac White

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Upon the Petition of Mr. William Rand, relating to the Release of a certain Annual Quit Rent of Four Shillings to the Town, from Lands he lately purchased of Peter Gamberto, Administrat[r] on the Estate of Isaac Gamberto Deceased. Upon his paying the sum of Six Pounds to the Town Treasurer, as entred in the Records of the Annual Meeting in March last. Which Petition being Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioner be Granted.

Upon, Mr. Samuel Clark's Petition, for an abatement of his Rent of the North Battery Wharf &c. As set forth in his Petition ——— Which was Read,

[**147.**] Voted, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be Allow'd and paid out of the Town Treasury to the said Mr. Clark, in Consideration of his Loss and Damage, as set forth in his Petition.

Upon the Petition of Mr. Samuel Gibson, Usher of the South Grammar School, Which was Read again.

Voted, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be Added to Mr. Gibson's Salary (Which will make his whole Salary to be One Hundred Pounds) the same to Commence from the time of his Entring into the service of the said School.

The Petition of Mr. Zech. Hicks, Read again.

Voted, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be allow'd & paid to the said Mr. Hicks, in Consideration of His House Rent, and in Addition to his Salary for this Year.

The Petition of Mr. Samuel Holyoke, Master of the Writing School in Queen Street, Read Again.

Voted, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be Added to Mr. Holyoke's Salary for the year ensuing.

Upon Mr. Sendall Williams's Petition for Addition to his Salary ——— Which was Read again, and Debated.

Voted, That the Consideration of the said Petition be left to the Select Men ——— Who are Desired to Report to the Town what they think may be proper for them to do thereon at their next Town Meeting.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Southerly part of the Town, Desiring That the South Bell may be Rung at the Hours of Five, Nine, & One of the Clock, at the Towns Charge.

Read Again ——— After Some Debate thereon ———

The following Question was put, Viz[t].

Quest. Whether it be Your Mind, That the South Bell should be Rung, as desired in the said Petition, and at the Charge of the Town?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Voted, To adjourn this Meeting 'till Nine of the Clock Tomorrow Morning.

[**148.**] Wednesday Mar. 12th The Town being Assembled.

Voted, That Mr. John Smibert be Excused from Serving as Constable for reasons by him given.

Mess[rs]. Thomas Tyler &
Thomas Savage

Were Chosen Constables.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the High Ways, the Year ensuing.

Upon the Motion of Mr. Jonathan Williams relating to his Care of the Granary &c.

Voted, That Twenty Pounds be Allow'd and Paid to the said Mr. Williams in Addition to his Salary (in Consideration of Extraordinary Services) for the Year past.

Messrs Samuel Bleigh & James Dolbeare - - - - - - - - Excus'd

Were Chosen Constables.

The Moderator propos'd to the Town, to proceed to the Choice of Tything-Men.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be allow'd and paid to Capt. James Watson, in Consideration of his Inspecting the Market in Dock Square, from the time of His being Chosen Clerk of the said Market, Until this Day.

Voted, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be Allow'd and paid to Capt. John Steel, in Consideration of his Inspecting the North Market, from the Time of his being Chosen Clerk of the said Market, until this Day.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be Allow'd and paid to Mr. Francis Willoughby. [**149.**] In Consideration of his Inspecting the South Market, from the time of his being Chosen Clerk of the said Market, until this Day.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Clerk of the Market at the vacant place on the Town Dock, by a Hand Vote.

Voted, That Capt. James Watson be Clerk of the Market, in Dock Square.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Clerk of the Market at the Southerly End of the Town, by a hand Vote.

Voted, That Mr. Francis Willoughby be Clerk of the Market, at the South End of the Town.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Clerk of the Market at the Northerly End of the Town, by a Hand Vote.

Voted, That Mr. John Foster be Clerk of the Market at the Open Space before and about the Old North Meeting House.

Voted, That there shall be allow'd and paid after the Rate of Five Pounds p Annum to each of the Three Sextons, For Ringing the Bells at the time for Opening the Markets.

Voted, That the Three Bells be still Rung as usual at the time of Opening the Market, the year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Several Accounts for Building the Market Houses, now Exhibited by the Committee for Erecting them, be Received by the Select Men, and that They Order Payment of the Ballance remaining due by the said Accounts, Out of the Town Treasury.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be Returned [**150.**] To the Honble Thomas Fitch Esqr. and Others, the Committee for Erecting Markets, for their great Care in Effecting the same.

Mr. Joseph Marion's Proposals Offered to the Town for their Consideration, were Read ag^n.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to take Mr. Joseph

Marion's Proposals into their Consideration, and Report to the Town at their next Meeting What, they think, may be proper for them to do thereon.

A Motion of the Select Men made at the Opening of this Meeting, relating to the Regulation of the Porters on the Town Dock, being made again, and Considered.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to take into Consideration the said Motion, And that they make Report to the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting, What they Think is proper to be done thereon.

Voted, That the said Committee Consist of Five Persons.

Voted, That Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Mr. John Walker
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
Richard Bill Esqr. and
Mr. George Craddock,
be the said Committee.

Messrs. Eliakim Hutchinson &
John Milliken - - - - - - - - - - - Sworn.
Were Chosen Constables.

Mr. Stephen Kent of the District of Rumney Marsh is Chosen Haward, or Field Driver the Year ensuing.

[**151.**] Messrs Samuel Torrey (Fil. Joh.) - Sworn.
Thomas Parker - - - Excus'd.
Were Chosen Constables.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting 'till Three of the Clock Afternoon.

The Town being Assembled.

Mr. John Rushton, was Chosen Constable - - - - Sworn.

Messrs. Samuel Gardner, Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. and Timothy Clark Esqr. A Committee Appointed to Enquire into the Encroachment on the High Way round Wind Mill Point, Presented a Report. Which was Read. ——— and is as follows. Viz^{t}

We find Recorded, A Way laid out Fifty foot wide from Bull's Corner to Windmill point And the Flats Granted below on Condition the Proprietors maintain s^{d}. Way the full breadth. We find said Breadth narrows in several places by Buildings thereon. We find another Way of Fifty foot wide laid out on the Beech, from the High Way between Deacon Allin's and Abel Porter's, now leading down to Mr. Hill's Wharf to meet the Other way at Windmill point ——— but on what part of said Beech, said way is laid out is altogether Uncertain. We find some part of said Beech incumber'd by Wharfing and Buildings and the other part Encroach'd on by the Sea and washt away,

We therefore Propose, A Committee be Impowered, to Treat with the Abutters on the Way laid out on the Beach, In Order to lay out a Way above the Beech, tho' not so wide as Fifty foot which may better accommodate the Town with a smaller Charge and less damage to the Abutters than to have the Way Over the Beech as Originally laid out. And Also Cause the Encroachments on the Easterly Side of the Way to be removed, that so the Street

may have its full breadth of Fifty foot, And Report their doings thereon to the Town for their Approbation.

SAMUEL GARDNER.
JOSEPH WADSWORTH.
TIM° CLARKE.

Boston March the 12th 1734/5

[152.] Voted, That the said Report be Accepted.

Voted, That the said Committee — Together with Mr. Jacob Parker, and Capt. Benjamin Pollard be a Committee to lay Out the High Way round Wind-Mill Point, According to the said Report.

According to Order, The Representation, and Proposals of a Number of Gentlemen Offered to the Consideration of the Inhabitants. As what they Apprehend will very much tend to prevent the growing Charges of the Town, And be also a likely means of Suppressing Vice and Immorality amongst Us, Read again.

And after Debate had thereon.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to prepare a Scheme, or some Proposals Agreeable to the said Representation &c. to be laid before this Town for their Consideration — That so, the same, if Approved of, may be presented to the Great and General Court at their next Session, In Order to Obtain An Act, to Augment the Number of Over-seers of the Poor within this Town, And to Encrease their Power, That the good ends mentioned in the said Proposals may more Effectually be Attained.

Voted, That the Committee Consist of Five Persons.

Voted, That Samuel Welles Esqr.
Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Samuel Greenwood, and
Samuel Adams Esqr.

be the said Committee ——— Who are desired to make their Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Select Men presented a Report of the Visitation of the Public Schools within the Town — Which was Read.

[153.] Voted, To Refer the Consideration of Raising Money (to defray the necessary Charges of the year ensuing) to the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 20th of March, current, At 3 of the Clock, afternoon.

Thursday, Mar 20th The Town being Assembled.

Samuel Welles Esqr from the Committee Appointed the 12th instant, On the Proposals for Preventing the growing Charges of the Town &c. Presented a Report which was Read ——— Together with the Draught of An Address to the General Court ———For the Town's Consideration

After Debate thereon ———

Voted, To Chuse Two Persons to be added to the former Committee — Who are Desired to Receive the Papers again. And to Prepare a Scheme, or Draught of Rules and Orders for the Goverment of the Workhouse propos'd; And to Endeavr. to Obtain a Subscription towards Erecting the said Work-House, and defray-

ing the Charges thereof ——— And that They Report thereon at the next Town Meeting.

Voted, that Elisha Cooke Esqr and
Jacob Wendell Esqr.
be added to the Committee aforesaid.

Voted, that the said Committee be also Desired to project a Model of the Work House propos'd to be Erected, And to make an Estimate of the Charge thereof, And lay them before the Town at the same Time.

Jacob Wendell Esqr. from the Committee appointed the 12th instant, to whom was referr'd the Consideration of Proposals for the better Regulation of the Porters on the Town Dock, &c. Presented their Report ——— Which being Read.

Voted, That the same be Accepted.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired to bring forward the Affair, So as to Obtain An Act of the General Court, for [**154.**] The Regulation of the Porters as aforesaid, Agreeable to the said Report.

Voted, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be allow'd and paid out of the Town Treasury to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. the Town Treasurer for his good Service in that Office the year past.

Voted, That Isaac Lewis of Rumney Marsh be Haward or Field Driver, the year ensuing in the Room of Stephen Kent, Who is Excused from that Service.

Voted, That John Cravath be One of the Clerks of the Market, in the Room of John Wood, who refuses to serve in that Office. ——— Who was accordingly Sworn.

Voted, That Nine pence upon the Pound be allowed and paid, to the Collectors of Rates and Taxes, for the year Ensuing; They giving Sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

Voted, That, Samuel Sewall Esqr.
Messrs. Charles Apthorp,
George Craddock,
Nathaniel Cunningham, and
Joseph Marion.
be a Committee to Audit the Town Treasurer Accompts for the Year Current ——— Who are to see that the several Draughts upon the Town Treasurer are Agreeable to Law, Or the Town Votes.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified & Lawfully Warned, being regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, Upon Tuesday the 1st. April, 1735

Voted, That Elisha Cooke Esqr be Moderator of [**155.**] The Present Meeting.

Voted, That the Select Men of the Town for the Time being, be Impowered to Defend for the Town in all Actions brought against them by Ichabod Paddock & Others, And now depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in Boston, And to pursue the same to final judgment and execution.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, Upon Wednesday May, 7th. 1735.

After Prayer by the Reverend Mr. Mather,
Sundry Laws were Read.

The Select Men inform'd the Town as follows, Vizt.

That by the Laws of this Province, the Power of Regulating this Meeting for the Choice of Representatives is vested in the Select-Men ——— Yet if the Town think it best to Chuse a Moderator, The Select Men Consent to it, Saving to themselves the Right of giving directions for the more regular and orderly carrying on the Affairs of said Meeting, Which by the laws they are cloathed with.

Upon which The Question was put, Whether the Town would now proceed to the Choice of a Moderator?

Voted in the Affirmative.

The Votes for a Moderator being Collected, it appeared, That Elisha Cooke Esqr. was Chosen Moderator of the present Meeting, by a Majority of Votes.

Several Petitions were Read, and Motions made

[156.] Vizt. A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for a Floor at the South Market Place.....Read.

Mr. John Procter's Petition, for Addition to his Salary.....Read.

The Select Men made a Motion respecting the High Way in Rumney Marsh, leading thro' Capt. Oliver's Farm; Which They Represented, might be more conveniently removed, a little to the left hand going to Lynn, the Bottom being better for a High Road.

Voted, To Proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

Mr. Thomas Cushing desiring liberty to speak, It was voted, That he should have liberty so to do.

The Votes for Four Representatives being Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be - - - - - - - - - - - - 517.

And upon Sorting them, it appear'd that the following Gentlemen were duly Elected, by a Major part of the Voters Vizt.

Elisha Cooke Esqr	Numbr of Votes	373.
Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher	- - - - - - - - -	303.
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.	- - - - - - - - -	464.
Mr. Timothy Prout	- - - - - - - - - - -	328.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting, 'till Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

The Town being Assembled

Samuel Welles Esqr from the Committee appointed the 12th and 20th of March last, On the Proposals to prevent the growing Charges of the Town, Signified to the Town, That the Committee were not prepared to make their Report on that Affair. Wherefore,

Voted, That the said Affair be referr'd to the next Town

Meeting; And the Committee are desired [157.] To make their Report at the said Meeting.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Southerly part of Boston, Shewing the inconvenience which attends the South Market, for want of a Floor to the Market House ——— Read, And Accordingly.

Voted. — That the Market House at the South End of the Town be Floored, the better to accommodate the Said Market and those that frequent the same.

The Petition of Capt. Daniel Pecker, &c. Collectors of the Taxes within the Town of Boston, for the year 1734.....Read,

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted. And the Assessors are accordingly allowed to sit 'till the latter End of July next, in Order to make such Abatements on the Rates and Taxes, as to them may seem just and reasonable.

Timothy Clark Esqr. from the Committee Appointed at the Meeting in March last. On the Petitions for Paving in several Streets, Who were to View the Places, and Compute the Charge ——— Presented their Report. Which Being Read.

Voted, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be Raised and Improved, in Paving, as the Select Men shall direct and Order; in Repairing the High Way on Boston Neck, And at Rumney Marsh.

The Select Men, to whom was referr'd the Consideration of Mr. Marions Proposals, As Entred the 10th March last Made Report, Which, together with the said Proposals, were Read ——— And are as Follows, Viz^{t}.

> To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in Town Meeting regularly Assembled, March the 10th. 1734.
>
> The Subscriber Exhibits the following Proposals for the Towns Consideration, ·/. Viz^{t}.

[158.] Imp^{r}. That all Deeds, Leases, Releases, and Instruments in Writing made and Executed by the Select Men of the said Town in their said Capacity or the Town Treasurer in his said Capacity be Registred by the Town Clerk in a Book of Records to be specially kept for that purpose ——— By which Means, a few Hours may discover a Hundred years Transactions, When much time may be spent in Searching for Papers on File ——— Which Files are liable to be Mislay'd, or lost, ——— Of which this Town has a Memorable Instance in the loss of a Paper of the greatest concern to the Town

2. That the Books and Files of Papers relating to the Town Treasurers Office, be kept in the Town House in Boston, and not in a Private House. ———

3. That the Town Clerk be directed to wait on Mrs. Prout Relict Widow of Mr. Joseph Prout formerly Town Clerk of this Town, And Demand and Receive of her all such Files and Papers that are now in her Custody of Right Appertaining to the Town.

4. That as the Release of Mr. Blackston the First Proprietor of the Town of Boston, made by him to the said town is now on File in the Town Clerk's Office, as also the Indian Deeds to the Select Men ——— That the Said Release and Deeds be Registred

by the Town Clerk in his said Office, That so the Town may have Recourse to the same when there may be Occasion therefor ———

5. That the Several Reports of Committees and Proposals for some time past laid before this Town be Collected and Read to the Town in their present Meeting, That so the Town may know what has been done thereon, And how far further they may Judge meet to proceed therein.

6. That as a Certain Lease from this Town [**159.**] To Mr. Henry Hill Distiller late Deceased, is now on File in the Town Clerks Office, Wherein the Town Leased to Mr. Hill the Land on which Hill's Still House and Wharf (so called) now stands with the Land adjoyning thereto (near Wind Mill point) for a small Quit Rent, Which Lease is long since Expired and as yet is uncancell'd ——— That therefore the said Lease be produced and Read in this present Meeting, That so this Matter may Appear in a true light, That the Town Right may not be stifled, Nor the Town stript of its just due. ———

7. That as about Eight years since the Charge for the Support and Maintenance of the Poor of the Town amounted only to the Sum of Eight Hundred pounds p Annum, And the Expence is now Arisen to the Sum of Twenty five Hundred pounds p Annum ——— It is therefore Proposed, That the Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor lay before the Town this Present Meeting an Accompt of the Charge on the Public Poor maintained in the Almes House, And an Accompt of the Expence on the Private Poor Supported out of the Almes House Separate and distinct for the year past. ———

8. That there be a Committee specially Appointed to make strict Enquiry into the Ability and Learning of the Masters of the Free Writing Schools within this Town, and what Proficiency the Children under their Care have made, or are like to attain in Reading, Writing and Arithmetick For as the want of Able and Accurate Masters in the Initiating Youth in the Rudiments of Learning will prove fatal and prevent the true design of Education ——— It is therefore hoped that as this Town has appeared Generous in the Encouraging Learning and good Literature, it will ever be Supply'd with School Masters Equal to such an Excellent Employment, And that they may be duly and honourably Encouraged. All which is Submitted

p JOS. MARION.

[**160.**] Upon the Proposals of Mr. Jos. Marion Offer'd to the Town at the Town Meeting in March past, which was referr'd to the Select Men to Report what they thought proper to be done thereon ———They having maturely Considered the same, are of Opinion, As follows. ———

1. That the First Article be complied with.
2. That the Second Article be complied with, Except the Book in which the Treasurer keeps the Town's Accounts, Which We think necessary should be left with the Treasurer.
3. That the Third Article was perform'd ye last Fall.
4. That the Fourth Article be complied with.

5. That the Fifth Article was complied with, at the Town Meeting in March last.
6. That We have made strict Inquiry into the Land referr'd to in the Sixth Article, And are of Opinion, that Mr. Hill's Title is clear.
7. That the Seventh Article be complied with.

On the Eighth Article, We Report, That the Town has always been in the practice of Appointing a Committee for that Service.

Boston Apr. 7. 1735.

John Jeffries
Joshua Winslow.
William Downe.
Edward Bromfield.
Jonathan Armitage
Alexander Forsyth
David Collson.
} Select-Men.

Upon Consideration of the Sixth Article in Said Proposals, and some Debate ensuing thereupon, It was

Voted That the Select Men be desired, to take the Affair of Mr. Hill's Lease, contained in the Sixth Article of the said Proposals under [**161.**] Further Consideration; And that They Examin, Whether the Land now in the Possession of Mr. Hill, as to bounds &c. be the Land Granted to Henry Allen the 25th. 11th M° 1663. As Entred with the Records of Boston, Lib° 2. Fol° 14 & 16. ———

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men Upon Mr. Marion's Proposals, be Accepted ——— Excepting the Sixth Article, which is recommitted to them for further Consideration thereon, as above.

The Report of a Committee appointed the 10th Mar. last, to lay out the High Way round Wind Mill point ——— Read —— And thereupon.

Voted. That the Affair of the High Way round Windmill point be referr'd for further Consideration to the next Town Meeting ——— And in the mean time the Select Men are desired to View the same, And that They Endeavour to Agree with the Abutters on the said Way, In Order to have the same laid out, so as may best Accommodate the Inhabitants ——— And that They Report thereon, at the next Town Meeting.

Upon the Petition of Mr. John Procter, Master of the Free Writing School at the North End: Praying for an Addition to his Salary for Reasons therein given. Read again, And ——— In Consideration of the said Mr. Procter's extraordinary Ability, Care, and Diligence in bringing forward the Youth under his Tuition, in the Arts of Writing, Arithmetick &c. the excellent economy of his School, And the Government thereof, As well as the Great Number of his Scholars. ———

Voted, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be added to his Salary for this Year: To Commence the Thirteenth of June next ensuing. ——

The Select Men made a Motion relating to Frauds in Cording of Wood, Whereby the Inhabitants are greatly [**162.**] Injured, And of which there are frequent Complaints.

Voted– That the Select Men be Desired strictly to Enquire into this Affair; And Report at the next Town Meeting, their Opinion

thereon, And what Method may be taken to prevent the same, in Time to come.

Jacob Wendell Esqr. made a Motion, which was Seconded, Respecting the Waste-Lands of the Province, Viz^{t}. That the Representatives of Boston might have Instructions to Use their best Endeavours to Obtain from the Great and General Court, A Grant of some of the Sai l Lands to the Town of Boston. ———

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to whom this Affair may be Referr'd ———

Voted, That the Committee Consist of Three Persons.———

Voted, That Samuel Welles Esqr.

Jacob Wendell Esqr. and

Mr. Andrew Tyler ———

be the said Committee; Who are Desired to take this Affair into Consideration, And make Report to the Town at their next Meeting, What Method may be best taken, in Order to Obtain Such a Grant. ———

The Select Men Inform'd the Town, That within the Space of Fourteen Months last past ——— More than Nine Hundred and Fifty Births and Deaths within this Town, have not been Registred in the Town Clerk's Office, as the Law directs ——— Which Neglect of the Inhabitants, may prove to be ill consequence to their Posterity, in time to come. ———

[163.] Voted, A Grant of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds, to be Raised by a Tax on Polls and Estates within the Town of Boston, for Relief of the Poor, and defraying Other necessary Charges, arising within, and for the said Town the Year Ensuing. ———

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, to Wednesday the 21st Currant, at Three of the Clock Afternoon.

The Town being Assembled.

The Select Men Reported on the Petition of Mr. Sendal Williams; Which was Read ———

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted ———

Samuel Welles Esqr. from the Committee, to whom was Referr'd, the Consideration of the Motion for a Petition to the General Court, for a Grant of Land to the Town of Boston ——— Reported thereon, Which was Read, As follows Viz^{t}.

> The Committee, to whom was referr'd the Consideration of the Motion for a Petition to the General Assembly, for a Grant of Land to the Town of Boston &c. Report as follows, Viz^{t}.

That they have prepared, and now humbly Present to the Town, for their Consideration, the form of a Petition, to be preferred to the Great and General Court or Assembly, at their Session the 28th. Current, The Committee have also obtained Copys of the Grant, Survey and Return of One Thousand Acres of Land for the Free School of Boston which are also herewith laid before the Town. ———

JACOB WENDELL
SAMUEL WELLES
ANDREW TYLER

[**164.**] And also Presented the Draught of a Petition to the General Court for the Towns Consideration ——— Which was Read.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted, And also, That the Petition therewith Exhibited, Which has been Considered and Approved, be Accordingly Presented to the Great and General Court or Assembly, at their Session the 28 Curr^{t}. in Order to Obtain a Grant of Land to the Town of Boston, for the Ends set forth and Expressed in said Petition.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired, and Directed in behalf of the Town of Boston, to Sign the Said Petition, and Present it to the Great and General Court, at the Session of said Court the 28th currant.

Samuel Welles Esqr. in the Name of the Committee, to whom was Referr'd the Consideration of Proposals to Prevent the growing Charges of the Town, Presented their Report, together with the Draught of a Petition to the General Court for the Towns Consideration, &c. Which were Read ——— And the Report is as follows, Viz^{t}. ———

> The Committee to whom was Referr'd the Consideration of the Proposals for lessening the growing Charge of the Town &c. Report as follows, Viz^{t}.

That there be a Work House Erected, in some convenient Place which the Town shall Agree upon ——— Of the form and Dimensions contained in a Draught, or proposals for it herewith presented; Which House, the Committee find by the Judgment of able Workmen, will Cost upwards of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds: And are of Opinion, that the Charge of the [**165.**] Furniture and Stock necessary, Will amount to near Eight Hundred Pounds more, in the whole about Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, For defraying of which Charge they have Obtained Subscriptions from Charitable and well disposed Persons, for a considerable sum; towards defraying the Charge ——— The Committee further Propose, That the Great and General Assembly be Address'd, at their Sessions the 28th. instant, in the form of a Petition, herewith laid before the Town. All which is humbly Submitted, By Samuel Welles,

Boston May 20. 1735. — in the name and by Order of the Committee.

Voted, That the Report of the Said Committee be Accepted ——— And also, That the Petition therewith Exhibited, Which has been considered and Approved, be Signed by the Select Men, in behalf of the Town. And that they be Desired, and Directed to Present the said Petition to the Great and General Court, at their Session the 28th. of May, Currant, in Order to Obtain of them, An Act agreeable to the Desire of the Town, set forth therein.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired to Visit the several Public Schools in this Town, taking with them such Gentlemen to Accompany them, As They shall think proper.

Jacob Wendell Esqr. Inform'd the Town, That the Overseers of the Poor had, for some time past, taken Care to Provide Preaching at the Alms-House, on the Lord's Day.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**166.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in Publick Town Meeting at the Town House, Upon Tuesday, Aug. 5. 1735.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. be the Moderator of the Present Meeting.

Who being Inform'd of the Choice ——— Return'd, That He could not Serve the Town at this time.

The Town then proceeded ——— And,

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Cushing, Junr. be tne Moderator of this Meeting, in the Room of Elisha Cooke Esqr.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants Abutters on Sea Street, ——— Read.

A Petition of John Bowles, Thomas Tilestone and Seven Others, Representatives of several Towns within the County of Suffolk preferr'd to the Great and General Court Praying, That Boston may be a County by itself, And the Country Towns in the County of Suffolk a County by themselves — Read.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded — Viz^t. That the Town would now proceed to the Choice of Jurors ——— The Question was Accordingly propos'd to the Town, And

Voted, In the Negative.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Draw up an Answer to the Petition of John Bowles, Thomas Tilestone, and Others, Representatives of several of the Towns in the County of Suffolk, for making Boston a County by itself ——— And to set forth therein the best Reasons and Arguments they can against the same.

Voted, That the said Committee consist of Five Persons.

[**167.**] Voted, That John Read Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Marion.
William Stoddard Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr. and
Robert Auchmuty Esqr.
be this Committee. Who are Desired to make their Report, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Report of the Select Men, relating to the High Way leading Round Wind-Mill Point — Read. Which is as follows, Viz^t.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Inhabitants of Boston in Town Meeting the 7th. of May last past, desiring Us to View the High Way round Wind-Mill Point, And to agree with the Abutters on said Way, So as to have it laid out in the best manner for accommodating the Inhabitants.

We have accordingly attended that Service, And treated with Messrs Joseph Marion and William Wheeler jun^r (the Abutters) And have mutually Agreed to Offer to the Town as follows, Viz^t.

That in lieu of the Old Way, the Way be now laid out at the bottom of South-Street, Seven feet and half from the South East Corner of said Wheeler's House, So as to run Nine feet to the Southward of Wheeler's rough-cast House unto the Divisional Line between Mr. Marion and Mr. Wheeler, And then to run on a Sloping line along to the Eastward Corner of the House formerly James Townsend's now enjoyed by Mr. Joseph Marion Carrying

all the way the breadth of Thirty five feet, So as to joyn the High Way leading to Bull's Wharf: The which Way, Messrs Marion and Wheeler have Agreed to make a convenient High Way as above for the Use of the Town, and to keep and maintain it in good Repair, Open, Free, and Unincumber'd, at their own proper cost and charge forever. All which is Submitted by.

Boston,	JOHN JEFFRIES.	JON^{A} ARMITAGE.	Select Men.
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[**168.**] Voted, That the said Report be Accepted.

And,

At the Instance and Desire of Messrs Joseph Marion and William Wheeler jun^{r}. being Present, This Minute is Entred, Viz^{t}. That They Consent to, Promise, and Oblige themselves their Heirs and Assigns, to perform their part According to the Report of the Select Men, now Accepted.

Voted, That this Minute be Entred in the Records of Boston accordingly.

The Report of the Select Men, relating to the Affair of Mr. Hill's Lease ——— Read. And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the above Vote, We have taken the Affair of Mr. Hill's Lease under further Consideration, And are still of Opinion, That Mr. Hill's Title is clear; It being, as We apprehend, Part of the Land formerly in the Possession of Mr. William Teft, And by the Heirs of the said Teft recover'd out of the Towns Hands by a Judgment of the Superior Court in May, 1705.

We are also of Opinion, That the Land now in the Possession of Mr. Hill, is the Land Leased to Henry Allen, referr'd to in said Vote, as far as We are capable of Judging.

Boston,	JOHN JEFFRIES.	JON^{A} ARMITAGE	Select-Men.
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Voted, That the said Report be Accepted.

The Report of the Select Men, relating to Frauds in Cording of Wood ——— Read ———

And is as follows, Viz^{t}

Pursuant to the Above Vote, We have Considered the same, And are of Opinion, That if Two pence p Cord be allowed to the [**169.**] Sealers, and they be Obliged to Attend their Duty, so as to View and Seal each Range of Wood, as it is Corded, Or as the Carts take it off the Wharf, it will be a Means of Preventing the Injuries Complained of ———

Boston,	JOHN JEFFRIES.	JON^{A} ARMITAGE.	Select-Men.
July 23.	WILL^{M} DOWNE.	ALEX^{R} FORSYTH.	
1735.	EDW. BROMFIELD.	DAVID COLLSON.	

The Question being put, Viz^{t}. Whether this Report Should be Accepted?

Voted, In the Negative.

Upon a Motion of the Overseers of the Poor, for Providing Preaching at the Alms House.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to wait upon the Reverned the

Ministers of the Town, And to Desire They would take their Turns in Preaching the Gospel to the Poor in the Alms House.

Voted, That Jacob Wendell Esqr.
John Ruck Esqr.
Henry Dering Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
John Hunt Esqr.
Capt. Samuel Greenwood.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood, and
Mr. Thomas Hubbard,

Overseers of the Poor, together wth Samuel Welles Esqr. ——— be the Said Committee.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be desired to Continue the Reverend Mr. John Adams in Preaching to the Poor in the Alms House, Until the mind of the Ministers of the Town On this Affair be Reported to the Town by the said Committee at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Town proceeded to Consider, What might be proper for them further to do towards setting up a Work House ——— And, The Act of the Great and General Court or Assembly ——— For Employing and Providing for the Poor of the Town of Boston being Read.

[**170.**] Voted, That the further Consideration of this Affair be deferr'd, until the Adjournment of this Meeting. ——— And The Gentlemen the Committee are Desired in the mean time to make what Progress They can in Obtaining Subscriptions for Erecting a Work House ——— And That They Report thereon to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday the 15th of August Current, At Three of the Clock, afternoon.

August, 15th. 1735.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Mr. Joseph Marion from the Committee Appointed to Draw up an Answer to the Petition of John Bowles, Thomas Tilestone, and Others, As Entred the 5th. of August instant, Presented the same ——— Which being Read,

Voted, That a Number of Gentlemen be Chosen and Added to this Committee, And That they take this Affair under further Consideration, And anew Draught the Answer to the Said Petition, and lay the same before the Town, for their Consideration.

Voted, That the Number be three.

Voted, That Messrs Nathanael Cunningham.
Thomas Cushing, Junr. &
Samuel Welles Esqr.

be accordingly Added to the former Committee.

The Town entring upon the Consideration of some passages in the Draught presented by the Committee, and after debate thereon.

[**171.**] The following Questions were put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. 1. Whether it be the mind of the Town That the Committee, in new draughting the Answer to said Petition, be Silent, As to Jurys giving Special Verdicts?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Quest. 2. Whether it be the mind of the Town, That the said Committee in their new Draught Should insert any thing that may have a Tendency towards Raising the Salarys, or Fees of those that are in the Administration of Justice?

Voted, In the Negative.

Jacob Wendell Esqr from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Reverend the Ministers of the Town, As Entred the 5th instant, Reported, That They had Accordingly Attended that Service ——— And also laid before the Town, A Letter to the Committee, Signed, Benjamin Colman, In the Name of the Associated Pastors. ———Which was Read. And is as follows, Viz^t.

Boston, August, 14. 1735.

To the Honourable the Committee, chosen by the Town, at their Meeting on the Fifth of this Month, to Desire the Ministers of the Town to take their Turns in Preaching the Gospel to the Poor in the Alms-House.

Gentlemen

The Ministers of the Town have this Day Considered of the Towns Desire, and hold Themselves Obliged, wherein they are able [**172.**] To Minister unto the Poor of the Town in General, and to the poor People in the Alms-House in particular, as well as unto Those of their respective Flocks. And altho' We should have been Well pleased, if the Town had seen good to have Continued the Worthy and Reverend Mr. Adams in the Service of Said House; being a Person in Our Esteem excellently Spirited to have Served the Poor there with all Humility of mind, And to have naturally cared for their Souls; Yet We submit to the Pleasure of the Town Signified to us in their late Vote, So far as may Consist with our other Pastoral Duties to the Flocks to which we stand related.

We think it proper at the same Time to remind the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town,

That after our best Cares and Endeavours in Times past to Preach in our Turns to the Poor in the Alms-House, We have seldom been Able to go thro' Our courses: And now, Some of Your Ministers are more Advanced in Years, And others labouring under Bodily Infirmities, And three of Our Number are alone in the Pastoral Offices, And therefore cannot so well Undertake to Serve in their Turns, as is Desired:

Nevertheless, the most that can be Expected of Us, Under these disabling Circumstances, Will, We trust, be willingly rendered by Us (by the Help of God) if the Town should not be perswaded to Think, As We do, That the Concerns of the precious Souls of these poor People would be better Serv'd by the Ministry of some Suitable Person Statedly Employ'd among them.

We do Ourselves the Honour [**173.**] Humbly to Subscribe, As in Duty bound.

Your Servants for Jesus Sake,

Benjamin Colman

In the Name of the Associated Pastors.

Upon the Affair of Erecting a Work House and after some Debate thereon.

Voted, That the further Consideration thereof be referr'd to the Next Town Meeting, And in Order thereto, That it be incerted in the Warrant for Calling the same, ——— And the Committee are Desired in the mean time, to go forward with the Subscriptions therefor.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and Warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, upon Monday, December, 1st. 1735.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr be the Moderator of the present Meeting.

The Select Men made the following Motion, Viz^{t} That Application be made to the Great and General Court, in Order to Obtain an Abatement of the heavy Tax which is laid upon the Town of Boston.

Voted Unanimously, That the Select Men be desired to Prepare something relating to the Motion by them now made, and lay it before the Town at the next Town Meeting, for their Consideration, and [**174.**] That the said Motion be Inserted in the Warrant for Calling said Meeting.

The Report of a Committee appointed the 5th and 15th of August last past, to Draw up an Answer to the Petition of John Bowles, Thos. Tileston and Others, For making Boston a County by it self, being Presented, and Read as follows, Viz^{t}.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay Sc. } To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr. Captain General & Governour in Chief, The Honble. the Council and Honble. House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston the 19th Nov. 1735.

The Answer of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to the Petition of several Representatives in and of the County of Suffolk for dividing the County of Suffolk and making Boston a County by it self, with their Reasons against it.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Boston are Humbly of Opinion, That it's most Advantageous both for them and also for the Rest of the Towns of that County to be held in One County still, upon Several Accompts.

I. For the Ends of Friendship, Trade, and Business. For these Common and Usual Assemblys of the Courts in Boston, Gives Men decent Opportunitys for Friendly Society and Matters of Trade and Business, and certainly Unites us more in Our Affection, and promotes our Mutual Interest and Wealth.

II. For the Ends of Justice, and Law ——- Because [**175.**] 1st. The more we are United, the more Uniform and steady will the Rules of Justice in Our Courts be, For all men do not Apprehend things alike, Different Courts will have different Apprehensions in particular Cases, and that will Naturally breed different Rules of Justice upon particular Circumstances, and this

tends to Render Justice unsettled and precarious in the several Places, When as if these several Courts were United, most probably the Truth would prevail, and the Rules of Justice be more steady, and this plainly appears in the strong and Steady Administration of Justice in the Supream Courts of the Kingdom. 2ly. The more We are United, the more Our Judges, by the Recompence now allowed them, will be Enabled to Study the Law And furnish themselves still further with Power agreeable to their Place and Duty. Their Business and Office requires a steady Application Not only to the immediate administration of Justice in the several Sessions of Our Courts ——— But to the Books of the Law, to Instruct their minds and form their Judgments, That their Administrations of Justice may be the more conformable to the Universal Reason of all Mankind. Now the bigger our Counties are, the more Contracted will the Business be, the Fees and Profits of the Judges be shared among the fewer, And the more Business dispatch'd in less time and that continued without interruption and wasteful vacancys interposed.

As to the Reasons for Dividing the County, ——— We Humbly Conceive them to be of no weight.

For Instance,

1st The Charge, they say, is great in the long Attendance of Witnesses and Jurors, Especially at the Superiour Court. But the Remedy is Easy and plain, Namely, That there be Four Terms of the Superiour Court in a Year, which is now come to be of absolute Necessity, and will be found a vast advantage to Common Justice and [**176.**] Right, and if need be the Justices of that Court upon a Motion can set the Days of Tryal for such Actions as specially need it, at the beginning of the Court and put up the Actions every day for Tryal that day, And by this means the Attendance of Witnesses and Jurors, will be Eased Sufficiently for many years, And it is but to Order more Jurys to Attend the Court at several times, As is constantly done by the best Ordered Courts of the Nation, And they may Attend as short á Time as shall be desired, tho' the Courts be ever so long.

2ly. The Business of Boston, they say, is very different from that of the Country, whereby Cases may be determined wrong for want of Understanding, particularly of Charter-partys and other Affairs of Trade.

But this seems to be a very indigested Reason, For All these Actions are Transitory and may be laid in any County; And therefore by Dividing the County, Ill designing Men Shall have an Advantage to Carry their Actions into the dark, when they please, And by a special Provision and Establishment of Law.

Wherefore, We are Humbly of Opinion ——— It will always best Serve the Intentions of Justice to have Jurys composed of Men of Probity, and good Understanding, Capable to receive, and digest the Arguments of the several Councils, And particular Observations of the Judges upon the whole, And withal Severally Acquainted with the several Affairs that may come before them, That they may Assist and Aid One another, in every Matter to be Tryed by them.

Wherefore, Upon the whole the Inhabitants of Boston are Humbly of Opinion, That it is not for the Wealth, and Welfare of the People to have [**177.**] This County divided ——— And therefore Pray it may not.

Humbly Presented to the Town by Us of the Committee for that Purpose.

JOHN READ.
JOS. MARION.
W^M STODDARD
JOHN FAYERWEATHER
SAMUEL WELLES.
NATH^L. CUNNINGHAM
THOMAS CUSHING JUN^R.

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted ——— And That the Select Men be Desired to Present the Same, when fairly transcribed, To the Great and General Court, As the Reasons of the Town of Boston against Dividing the County of Suffolk.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Northerly part of the Town, Praying, that a floor may be laid in the Market place there, for Reasons mentioned in Said Petition, ——— Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted, And That the Select Men be Desired to take care to have the same Effected, at the Charge of the Town.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**178.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in Public Town-Meeting, at the Town-House, on Monday, Dec. 29. 1735.

Voted, That the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. be Moderator of the present Meeting.

The Select-Men (Agreeable to a Vote of the Inhabitants the first instant) laid before the Town, the Heads of a Petition, which They thought might be proper to be Presented to the General Court, to move them to make an Abatement of the heavy Tax laid on the Town this present year.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to draw up a Memorial or Petition to the Great and General Court, for an Abatement of the Tax laid on the Town this Year ——— And lay the same before the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting, for their Consideration.

Voted, That the Number of this Committee be Five. Accordingly

Voted, That Capt. Nathanael Cunningham,
Mr. Andrew Tyler
Mr. John Walker
Capt. John Steel, and
Mr. Nathanael Balston
be the Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That the Select Men and Assessors be, and hereby are Desired to Assist the said Committee in the Affair.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded relating to Reviewing the Actions respecting the Town Dock.

[**179.**] Voted, That the Affair of bringing forward a Review in the Cases relating to the Town Dock, be Referr'd to the Consideration of the Inhabitants at their Annual Town-Meeting in March next.

The Petition of Several of the Inhabitants, presented to the Select Men Praying, That the state of the long Wharf may be duly Examined into, and Enquiry made, Whether or no, the Right of the Inhabitants of this Town relating to the same, has not been notoriously Violated, And that some Methods may be pursu'd to prevent the like Impositions for the Future. Read.

A Question was accordingly put to the Town Viz^t^. Whether They would proceed to the Choice of a Committee for the End set forth in the said Petition?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Number of the Committee be Five.

Voted, That Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. John Steel
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.
Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, and
William Clark Esqr.
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That the said Committee Report to the Town on this Affair, at their Annual Meeting, in March next.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Thursday next, at Four of the Clock, after Noon.

The Town being Assembled ———

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham from the Committee appointed the 29th of Dec. last past, to Draw up A Memorial, or Petition to the General Court, relating to the heavy Tax laid on the Town, Presented the same, Which was Read ——— And is as follows, Viz^t^.

[**180.**] To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief The Honourable the Council and the Honble House of Representatives of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, in General Court Assembled, the first day of January 1735.

The Petition of His Majesty's Liege Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth,

That Whereas the very heavy and almost insupportable Province Tax which has been laid upon the Inhabitants of said Town of Boston for some years past, have been so great and burdensom, that They have not been able, without the Utmost difficulty to discharge the same.

Wherefore Your Petitioners most Humbly beg leave to lay before Your Excellency and Honours the deplorable Estate of said Town, And in Order to expose the miserable Circumstances thereof to Your Excellency and Honours View, they beg leave to Observe.

I. The Great decay of Our Trade in General Which is very

obvious from the great Declension of the principal and most valuable branches thereof for many years past, which branches made this Town appear with a different face to what it does at present, And as the Encouragement of these Branches were our great advantage, So We really find by unhappy experience, the Discouragement of them to be very Distressing, And We Apprehend will be more so, Unless Your Excellency and Honours shall be Able, in Your great Wisdom to find out some Relief to make up to Us the deplorable loss.

[**181.**] We would now beg leave to Observe upon the Branches of Our Trade, refer'd to ———

1. Our Distillery, which was for many Years a most flourishing Trade in the Town, And maintain'd not only abundance of People, but likewise abundance of Vessels in carrying off large quantities of Our Country Produce and in lieu thereof making Returns in Molasses, and that in Our own Vessels, at moderate prices, by which means We were enabled to Export very large quantities of Rum to almost all parts of British America, more especially to Newfoundland, Which gave Us opportunity to make large Remittances to London, which help'd us in a great Measure to discharge great part of the Debt Owing from this Province to Ballance their Trade to that City &c., Not only so, but all our Naval Stores from North Carolina, and Cargoes of Rice and other Merchandizes from South Carolina, as well as most of Our Grain, Flour, and many other Commodities from Other places We receiv'd in lieu of, or exchange for Rum of Our Own Distilling: But the Act of Parliament laying such Duties upon Foreign Molasses imported into His Majesty's Plantations, Hath put it out of the power of Our Trade to import any Mollasses upon such terms, which has been the means of lessening the Distillery of this Town at least One half, So that Whereas this Town and Province before the Act might reasonably have been allow'd to gain many Thousand Pounds p Annum by the Distillery, They do not now more than maintain themselves.

2. Our Cod Fishery, which for many Years past have Employ'd abundance of Men and Vessels, and enabled the Town to carry on a very great Trade, by supplying all sorts of necessarys for carrying on catching and curing and exporting the same, is become so heavy an Article, both in Europe and West Indies, the price being so very low, Occasion'd by the French, who not only catch vast quantities, but cure it much better than We do, And the cheapness of their Labour and Materials for catching and curing the same, Enable them to undersell us at most of the Markets in Europe, by which means the Fish here does not bear a price Sufficient to discharge the Cost in catching and curing, And at [**182.**] Present remains under such discouragement, that it's much to be feared that there will not be, the Year ensuing, near Two Thirds, of the Fishery kept up, as has been carried on for many Years past ——— And as this Valuable Trade lessens, the Trade of Boston must necesarily lessen in proportion.

3. Our whole Trade to the West Indies and back to this Port is reduced to so low an Ebb, and that without any visible pros-

pects of it's ever flowing again, that it labours under the Utmost discouragement, For it's generally Allow'd, that Our whole Trade thither and directly back to Boston upon an Average does not discharge the first Outsets, And nothing saves that Trade from utter Ruin, but Freights from thence to London, and that seldom to be depended upon, And even that is so small an Advantage that it's much to be feared the Generous Adventurers will soon be Obliged to lay aside their Trade and Navigation and save some part, before their whole Interest be utterly lost, Unless they can Receive such Publick Encouragement, as will induce them to continue the same.

4. The Trade to London, tho' it's Our Duty to Contribute All in Our Power toward the Wealth and Grandeur of Our Mother Country, Yet what We receive cheifly from thence serves in a great measure to expose our Inhabitants to censure and extraordinary Taxes, for the abundance of European Goods sent over hither, from the Nature of Our Trade exposes the Inhabitants to appear in extravagant Garbs, Who would gladly avoid the same, were they to receive Money in lieu of their Labour, Manufacture and Trades: But inasmuch as they cannot be paid but by Notes to Shops which cannot be avoided, tho' allow'd to be very pernicious, And altho' very great quantities of extravagant, unnecessary European Goods are imported yet they contribute nothing toward the Support of the Publick Charges: But the most part thereof are Owned by Merchants in London [**183.**] And consigned to their own Factors here, and no advantage reaped by them, but by the Ship-builders and a few Tradesmen, Whereas We Apprehend this Town is Taxed as tho' said Goods were Owned by the immediate Possessors, but in Truth all We get by them is the Commissions, and very often much less, after the Returns are made Our Trades-Men of all denominations (Except the Ship-builders, and that only this present year) having very little Employment, and yet very heavily Taxed and are under the utmost discouragements, the want of Money without which no Country can possibly subsist, is so scarce and hardly to be Obtain'd, that there is not One half sufficient to carry on the Trade of the Province &c. We Humbly Apprehend, Unless Your Excellency and Honours afford us Relief, and out some means to Ease Us of Our Taxes, which We are not able to pay, And Encourage the decaying Trade of this Province, We have great Reason to fear, a very few years will reduce this Town to the greatest distress and misery.

II. We would further beg leave, Humbly to Observe in a particular Manner the many instances in which this Town is Exposed to Publick Charges, and altho' several of them are not immediately Provincial, yet they are so many and so great as renders them less able to pay the whole.

1. The Maintenance of the Poor of the Town is a very great and growing Charge. ——— For Whereas in the Years, 1728, 1729, the Charge was but Nine Hundred Forty four Pounds each Year, it amounted in the Year 1734, to Two Thousand Sixty Nine Pounds, Ten Shillings for the Poor of the Almshouse and others

Supported at the Publick Charge. There was then Eighty Eight Persons in the Almshouse, and but One Third part of them Town born Children, So that Two Thirds of the Charge is One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Four pence for Poor Persons who are crept in amongst Us, And which We doubt not, Your Excellency and Honours will have [**184.**] Due Consideration of, And that the Burden may, As We apprehend it ought to be proportionably born by the Province. And We would further Observe that the Additional Number of the Town Inhabitants is chiefly Owing to the resort of all sorts of poor People, which instead of Adding to the wealth of the Town, serve only as a Burden and continual Charge, and which is as frequently complain'd of by the Inhabitants, but without having it in their Power to repell or prevent the growing Evil. For We Apprehend it cannot be concluded against Boston, that they ought to be Assessed according to the additional Numbers of her Inhabitants, Unless their Additional Number brought with them an equivalent proportion. of Wealth to support the Charge, which is evident they do not, by the Encrease of the Numbers abated their Rates annually, And it is Observable that many Inhabitants of good Circumstances are gone out from Us, And many indigent Poor have fill'd the vacancy, and encreas'd our Polls.

2. The Watch of the Town of Boston is a very great Charge ——— Amounting to no less than Twelve Hundred Pounds p Annum, Which great Charge is not only very Serviceable to the Town, but likewise to the Province, by reason this Watch is a very great Security to all Merchandize imported belonging to many other Persons at Home and in Foreign parts, as well as all the Produce brought from the Country, and belonging to the Inhabitants thereof, as well as all Vessels continually Trading hither from Other Ports.

3. The Support of the Ministry of the Town, by a moderate Computation amounts to Eight Thousand Pounds p. Annum.

4. The Other Charges of the Town above what has been already Noted is, Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds p. Annum, Besides Our Proportion of the County Charge this year is One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Pounds, [**185.**] Nineteen Shillings and Two pence, the whole amounting to the Sum of

5. The Impost was Originally designed for to maintain the Province Galley, and altho' that Cause was removed many Years past, Yet the Effect still remains, which is a very great Burden to the Mercantile part of the Province, but more especially to the Town of Boston, considering the additional Tax of Fourteen Hundred Pounds this Year. It is frequently Objected that altho' Merchants originally pay an Impost, Yet they are fully repaid by the Consumer. ——— Altho' that Argument may possibly Subsist as to the part of such Goods as are consumed here, Yet We humbly Apprehend there is no Argument for Retaining the Impost upon such Goods as are re-exported, and which is a very great Burden upon the Importer, For, all such Goods in London imported, upon which there is a Duty, there is a Drawback, pro-

vided Such Goods are re-exported in a limited time, But here, there is no provision made, Unless the Goods are not landed, and exported in the same bottom, which is a very great hardship upon the Importers, by reason a very great part of such Goods are re-exported by the Original Importers, and others, And therefore We cannot but hope We shall meet with such Relief As the Nature and Justice of this Observation calls for.

6. The Bounty upon Hemp and Flax will, As We Apprehend, Amount to a very large sum Annually, And Altho' it will be a General Good to the whole Province, yet very far from being any immediate Advantage to the Town of Boston ——— For as it is raised in the Country, So they may Manufacture it there if they please, nay carry it into any other Government, and still receive the Bounty, When at the same time Boston pays agreeable to our proportion of the Province Tax in times past, Above One Sixth part, which is like to be a very heavy Article, but more Especially inasmuch as the same is to be paid in Money by a Tax upon her Inhabitants, Whereas they cannot possibly conceive how they can obtain the money to pay it with. For the unhappy situation of Our Affairs, especially in respect of Money, fills every Ones mind with the fears of very terrible consequences.

[**186.**] Wherefore, We Humbly Apprehend, That We cannot possibly set the present distressing Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Town in a clearer Light than by Acquainting Your Excellency and Honours of the Report made to a Committee appointed by the Town, by the Collectors of the Publick Rates and Taxes, ——— Which Stands thus, ——

1735. Capt. Daniel Pecker to Collect, Six Thousand Six Hundred Pounds; to pay in One Half by the 10th of January current, Or liable to an Execution. And yet has not been able to Collect more than Two Hundred an Ten Pounds, ——— There remains due Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Pounds.

Mr. Nathanael Barber to Collect, Two Thousand Six Hundred Pounds; to pay in One half by the aforesaid, 10th January, otherwise liable to an Execution, has not been able to Collect more than One Hundred and Eighty Pounds ——— There remains due, Two Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Dr. William Rand to Collect, Seven Thousand and Sixteen Pounds; and to pay One Half by the 10th January, or liable to an Execution, has not been able to Collect more than the Sum of, Five Hundred and Twenty Six Pounds, ——— There remains due, Six Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds. ——

And the aforesaid Collectors say, the general Complaint is by the Inhabitants, that they are Over Taxed very much, in the Province Tax, in proportion to other Towns, and have not Money Neither know they where to get it, and the Collectors further Add, That they have no prospect of being able to Collect the respective Sums allotted to them Unless they distrain upon the Goods and Chattels of the Inhabitants.

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray Your Excellency and Honours would be Pleased to take their distressed Circumstances into Your most Wise and Serious Consideration, And make Us

Such Abatements upon the Taxes laid Upon Us the Year past, and Reduce future Taxes to such moderate [187.] Sums, as that it may be in the Power of Your Petitioners chearfully to pay, And as in Your Great Wisdom You shall adjudge most just and equal. And Your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, Shall Ever Pray, &c.——

Nathl. Cunningham.
John Walker.
Boston, Jan. 1. 1735. Andrew Tyler.
Nathanael Balston.
John Steel.

Voted, That this Memorial, or Petition be Accepted.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be, and hereby is directed — For, and in behalf of the Town of Boston, to Sign the said Petition, when fairly Transcribed, And Present the same to the Great and General Court.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be Given to the Gentlemen the Committee, for their great Pains in Draughting the Petition, now by them presented.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified, and Warned according to Law, being regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, on Tuesday, February, 3d. 1735.

The Warrants for Calling a Town Meeting being Read.

The Honourable Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Moderator.

A Grant of the Great and General Court to the Town of Boston, of Three Tracts of Land, each of the Contents of Six Miles Square, for Town Ships ——— Read, Which is as follows, Viz^t.

[188.] At a Great and General Court or Assembly for His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty eighth of May, 1735, and continued by several Adjournments to Wednesday the Nineteenth Day of November following.

The following Vote (on the Petition of the Town of Boston) passed both Houses, and consented to by the Governour: Viz^t. on the 29th of December, 1735. ———

Voted, That there be and hereby is Granted to the Town of Boston, Three Tracts of Land each of the Contents of Six Miles Square, and to be laid out in some Suitable Place or Places in the Unappropriated Lands of this Province, for Townships, by a Surveyor and Chainmen on Oath, and to Return Plats thereof to this Court for confirmation within Twelve Months. Provided the Town of Boston do within Five years from the Confirmation of the several Plats Settle on each of said Towns Sixty Families of His Majesty's good Subjects Inhabiting this Province, and in as regular and defensible a Manner as the Lands will admit of, Each of Said Sixty Familys to build and finish a Dwelling House on his Home Lot, of the following dimensions, Viz^t. Eighteen feet Square and Seven feet Stud at the least, That Each of the said Settlers within said Term bring to, fit for Improvement Five Acres of said Home

Lot, either by Plowing, or to Mowing, by Stocking the same well with English Grass, and Fence the same well in, and actually live on the spot, And also Build and finish a Suitable and convenient House for the Publick Worship of God, and Settle a learned orthodox Minister in Each of said Towns, and provide for their honourable and comfortable Support, and also lay out Three [**189.**] House Lots in Each of said Town's, each of which to Draw a sixty third part of said Town, in all future Divisions, One to be for the first Settled Minister, One for the Ministry, and One for the School; And in Order that the Conditions of this Grant may the more Effectually be complyed with, Ordered, That Elisha Cooke Esq. Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher, Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr and Mr. Timothy Prout, with such as the Honourable Board shall appoint, be a Committee fully Authorized to Admit Settlers, And to take of each Settler a Bond, in the Sum of Twenty five Pounds for the Performance of the Conditions so far as relates to their respective Lots, which Bond Shall be made Payable to the Province Treasurer; And in case any of the Lots in any One of the Town ships hereby Granted, shall not be settled in time and Manner as is above provided, then such Lot with the Rights belonging thereto, shall Revert to, and be at the Disposition of the Government.

Voted by the Honourable Council, That John Jeffries, Jacob Wendell, and Samuel Welles Esq^{rs}. be Joyned to the Committee of the Honourable House for admitting Settlers, &c.

A True Copy,
Examined
p Thad. Mason, Dep^{t}. Secr^{y}.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to Inspect, Survey and Plat Three Tracts of Land, agreeable to the said Grant suitable for Town-ships and with what speed they conveniently may or can, and that They make Report thereof to the Town as soon as may be. ———

Voted, That the Number of the Committee be Three.

Voted, That Mr. Gershom Keyes
Mr. John Checkley and
Capt. Robert Temple
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

[**190.**] And, Whereas, at the Motion of the Representatives of this Town, the Select Men did Seasonably Employ John Jones of Hopkinston Esq. and Mr. Samuel Chandler of Concord, to look out for some Tracts of Land, suitable for the Settlement of Three Townships.

Voted, That the Committee be, and hereby are Desired, to Enquire of those Gentlemen, how far they have proceeded in that Affair, and to Advise with them, or Others, in their further proceeding.———

Then the Meeting was dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified and warned According to Law, regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Monday March the 8th. 1735.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mather Byles
——— And
The Warrants for Calling the Town Meeting Read —— The Inhabitants proceeded to the Choice of A Moderator.——— Accordingly The Votes being Collected, It Appeared That The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting, Unanimously.
Sundry Laws, Read———
Sundry Petitions, Proposals &c. Read———
and Sundry Motions ——— Made.———
The Petitions of John Walley Esq & Samuel Salter.
Of Mr. John Lovel.
Of Mrs. Mary Sharrow.
Of Mrs. Abihail Chamberlain.
Of Sundry Inhabitants, Viz^t.
For a Fish Market.
For Paving Green Lane.
[191.] Of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving Orange Street.
For Paving Beer Lane.
Of the Towns Watch Men.
Of the Masters of the Water Engines.
Report of the Select Men, of Visitation of the Schools.
Of the Registring Births and Deaths, from the Minutes of the late Town Clerk ——— And also
Of the present great Neglect of the Inhabitants in Registring Births and Deaths.
Report of the Committee on Rumney Marsh Petition
Mr. Joseph Marion's Proposal.
Mr. Jonathan William's Motions, Relating to his Care of the Granary ——— And for the better Regulation of the Cows, on the Common. ———
The Moderator made a Motion, Relating to the Marsh at the bottom of the Common, near Fox Hill, That the Committee appointed thereon in Mar. 1733, might be Revived———
Mr. Marion made A Motion, for Addressing the General Court for Liberty to bring forward A Writ of Review in the Case between the Town of Boston, and Thomas Palmer Esqr.———
Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, made a Motion, That the Petition lately Presented to the General Court, for A batement of the Tax on this Town, might be Read.
The Town proceeded to the Choice of Officers.
Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing, ——— and Sworn.
Voted, To Chuse Seven Select Men.
The Votes being collected and sorted, it Appeared that,

The Honble. John Jeffries Esqr	Select Men.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.	
Capt. William Downe	
Capt. Jonathan Armitage,	
Mr. David Collson	
Capt. Alexander Forsyth,	
Capt. John Eastwick	

Were Chosen Select Men, for the Year Ensuing.

[192.] The Honble Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Chosen Town Treasurer, for the Year Ensuing, and Sworn.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be Desired to Attend this Meeting in the Afternoon, to give Their Opinion with respect to Dividing the Town into Twelve Wards.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

Afternoon, Being Assembled.

Joshua Winslow Esqr. and Capt. William Downe Excusing themselves from Serving as Select Men, the Year Ensuing, ———

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Two Select Men in their Room.

The Votes being Collected and Sorted, it Appear'd That

Capt. Caleb Lyman, and
Mr. Jonas Clarke, } Select Men.

were Chosen Select Men, for the Year Ensuing.

Jacob Wendell Esqr. in the Name of the Overseers of the Poor, Reported to the Town, That 'twas Their Opinion, It would be much for the Service of the said Town that it be divided into Twelve Wards, and Proposed the Military Division of the Town, to their Consideration.

Voted, That the Gentlemen, the Overseers of the Poor be a Committee to project a Division of the Town into Twelve Wards, and to make their Report thereof Tomorrow, in Order to the Town's proceeding thereon.

Voted, To Chuse Seven Assessors. Accordingly

Messrs. Daniel Loring
James Watson.
John Staniford
Richard Buckley
[193.] Peter Thomas
Joshua Blanchard and
James Gold

Were Chosen Assessors, for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the High Ways, the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. Stephen Kent, be the Constable for the District of Rumney Marsh, the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That Messrs. Elisha Tuttle and
Samuel Pratt } Fence Viewers.

be Fence Viewers for Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. John Hasey, be Sealer of Leather for Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Messrs Charles Bill and
Samuel Maxwell } Hogreves.

be Hogreves, for Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. John Laithe, be Haward, or Field Driver, for Rumney Marsh.

Voted, That Mr. Stephen Kent, be Collector of Taxes in Rumney Marsh, the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. John Brintnal, be Surveyor of Hemp and Flax, within this Town, the Year Ensuing.

Voted, To Chuse Twelve Constables, distinct from Collectors.

Voted, That Messrs. Thomas Paine - - Pay
John Hammock - - Pay
Christopher Kilby Junr. p^{d}. 1731
Malachi Salter - - Sworn
John Phillips - - Pay
John Maylem - - Pay
[194.] Edward Tyng - - Appeal
John Wakefield - - Excus'd
Elias Dupee - - - Pay
John Webster - - Pay
Edward Bulkley- - Sworn
} Constables.

be Constables for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting 'till Tomorrow Morning, at Nine of the Clock.

The Town being Assembled.

Messrs. Samuel Marshall
Adam Winthrop Junr.
John Flowers
Samuel Gibbins
James Barnard
Joseph Turell
Thomas Greenough
Richard Salter - -
} Clerks of ye Market. Were Chosen to be

Clerks of the Market, the Year Ensuing.

Messrs. Samuel May
Robert Williams
James Dawson
William Young
Joshua Dodge
Nathanael Hodgdon
} Sealers of Leather.

Were Chosen Sealers of Leather, the year Ensueing.

Messrs Francis Warden
Joseph Russell
William More
Bartholomew Sutton
Roger Stainer
John Endicot
Joseph White
} Fence Viewers

Were Chosen Fence Viewers, the year Ensuing.

[195.] Messrs. Edward Moberly
William Paine
Edward Richards
Thomas Foster
Joshua Thornton
Matthew Barnard
} Viewers of Shingles &c.

Were Chosen Viewers of Shingles, Meas^{rs}. of Boards &c.

Upon the Petition of Mr. James Read and Others, Masters of the Water Engines in the Town, in behalf of themselves and the Companies belonging to them, Praying they may be Excused

from serving in Other Offices, the year Ensuing, as usual, ——— Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

Messrs. Richard True
Ezekiel Carver
William Young
William Hunt
} Hogreves.

Were Chosen Hogreves, for the year Ensuing.

Messrs. William Williams
Joseph Cowel
Benjamin Salisbury
Harrison Gray
John Taylor
Thomas Boucher
William Rand
Jacob Holyoke
Daniel Pecker
Henry Gibbs
Skinner Russell
John Bennet
Thomas Jackson
George Monk
Nathanael Gardner
} Scavengers.

Were Chosen Scavengers, for the Year Ensuing.

[**196.**] Voted, That Mr. Richard — Carter Cowel be Haward, or Field Driver, the year Ensuing.

The Select Men proposed to the Town, to proceed to the Choice of Tything Men, if they saw meet.

Messrs. James Jeffs - - - - - - -	Pay	Constables.
John Boylston - - - - - -	Pay	
Thomas Phillips - - - - - -	Sworn	
John Caswall - - - - - - -	Pay	
Henry Price - - - - - - -	Sworn	
Samuel Wentworth Junr. - -	Sworn	

Were Chosen Constables for the year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired, to Visit the several Public Schools in the Town, Taking with them Such Gentlemen to Accompany them as they shall think proper. ——— And that They Report to the Town what Condition They find them in.

Upon the Petition of John Walley Esqr. and Samuel Salter, Praying the Town to Reinburse to them the Sum of Thirteen Pound, Sixteen Shillings, One penny, disbursed by them in the year 1723, for Paving in Water Street, as set forth in said Petition;

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

Voted, That the Town will proceed to the Choice of a County Treasurer, at Five of the Clock After-Noon; As also A Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk; And to Consider of Raising Money to Defray the Charges of the Town the year Ensuing.

The Report of the Committee on Rumney Marsh Petition ——— Read.

[**197.**] Upon the Petition of Mary Sharrow, in behalf of Her Husband George Sharrow, One of the Constables of Boston, and a Collector of Rates and Taxes in the year 1732, Who being fallen in Arrears with the Treasurers has Absented himself, for more than Two years last past, Praying, That her said Husband may be permitted to return Home and with Freedom follow his Business as formerly ——— Proposing (thereupon) to Pay in to the Town Treasury Thirty Pounds (at the least) Every Year until the whole of his Debt be Paid and Discharged.

In Answer to said Petition;

Voted, That upon Mr. Sharrow's Return Home, to Boston, The Town will not Pursue him in the Law, for the Arrears due from him to the Town, Upon his Paying the Sum of Thirty Pounds p Annum, until the whole of his said Debt be Paid.

A Memorial of Samuel Gerrish, Town Clerk, Presented to the Select Men; Setting forth, That According to Their Order, He had Registred, Four Thousand Three Hundred and Forty five, Births and Deaths, from the Minutes kept by Samuel Checkley Esqr. the late Town Clerk, Viz^{t} from the Year 1721 to the year 1733, inclusive, Which said Memorial the Select Men laid before the Town, in Order for an Allowance to be made for said Service ——— And The following Question being put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would Allow a certain Sum to Samuel Gerrish in Consideration of his Registring the Births and Deaths Entred in Col^{o} Checkley's Minutes?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be allow'd and Paid out of the Town Treasury, to Samuel Gerrish, in Consideration of his Registring the Births and Deaths above mentioned.

Mr. John Lovel's Petition, Read, and withdrawn.

[**198.**] A Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants relating to a strip of Land at the Southerly End of Cross Street, Desiring the same might be left in Common and un-encumber'd, as being commodious and well Situated for a Fish-Market ——— Read, And The following Question being put, Viz^{t}

Whether the Town would Grant the Prayer of the Petitioners?

Voted, In the Negative.

The Petition of Abihail Chamberlain — Widow of Jacob Chamberlain, late Constable of Rumney Marsh, Deceas'd. Read And in Answer thereto ——

Voted, That Six Months be further Allow'd the Petitioner Abihail Chamberlain to make up Her Account with the Town Treasurer ——— And the Assessors are hereby also Impower'd to make such Abatements as they shall Judge proper.

The Petition of Matthias Cowdrey, Abia Holbrook &c. in behalf of themselves and Others, Watchmen ——— Praying for an Addition to their pay and wages, for reasons mentioned. ——— Read —— And the Following Question being put, Viz^{t} Whether the Town make an Addition to the Pay or Salaries of the Watchmen, According to their Petition?

Voted, In the Negative.

Upon Complaint That the Watch at the Fortification, is Useless, and Occasions an Unnecessary Charge to the Town, ———

A Question was put, Viz[t]

[199.] Whether the Town would Continue the said Watch?

Voted, In the Negative.

Mr. Joseph Marion's Proposal ——— Read.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting 'till the After-Noon, at Three of the Clock.

Afternoon, being Assembled.

Mr. John Perry was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market, in the Room of Mr. Adam Winthrop Jun[r] who was Excused.

The Petitions of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving in Several Streets, Viz[t] Orange Street, Green Lane and Beer Lane, Read.

Whereas the Consideration of Bringing forward Writs of Review in the Cases between the Town of Boston and James Everill's Heirs, relating to the Town Dock, was Referred to this Meeting ——— And a Consideration Accordingly had ———

Voted, That it be left with the Select Men of the Town, for the Time being, To bring forward Writs of Review in the Actions relating to the Town Dock as aforesaid, Whensoever They shall think fit, Yet so seasonably withal, as to prevent the danger of being fore closed by any Error which may possibly happen in the said Writs.

Mr. Marion's Motion for Addressing the General Court, for Liberty to bring forward a Writ of Review, in the Case between the Town and Thomas Palmer Esq[r]. ——— Being Considered,

[200.] Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired and Directed to Prefer a Petition to the Great and General Court, for Liberty to bring forward a Writ of Review of an Action between the Town of Boston, and Thomas Palmer Esq[r] for Possession of a certain Tenement or Ware House, Situate On the Town Dock, and now in the Occupation of William Owen and others.

Mess[rs]	Thomas Hawden - -	Pay,	Constables.
	Benjamin Goldthwait,	Sworn,	
	Thomas Clark - - -	Sworn	
	James Gibson - - -	Sworn	
	John Ludgate - - -	Sworn	
	John Tucker - - -	Excusd	

Were Chosen Constables for the Year Ensuing.

Jacob Wendell Esq[r] in the name of the Over-Seers of the Poor, A Committee Appointed As Entred Yesterday, Having Projected a Division of the Town into Twelve Wards, Presented the same; Which was Read And is as follows, Viz[t]. ———

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of the 8th. Instant, Desiring the Over-Seers of the Poor to Divide the Town into Twelve Wards, They have accordingly Attended that Service —— And are of Opinion That the following Division will best serve the same —— And Propose to begin with —

N°. 1. From Charlestown Ferry on both sides of Prince Street to Gee's Corner, and the Westerly Side of Salem Street, Crossing

Over and taking in the Westerly side of Henchman's Lane to the Water side, and round the Beech to the Ferry Place again.

[201.] From the lower end of Henchman's Lane up the South side thereof, Crossing over to Elder Baker's Corner down Salem Street as far as the Reverend Doctor Cutler's, and thence down Love Street and Foster Lane the North sides into Ship Street, including both sides thereof, As far as Henchman's Lane, to which Rumney Marsh is annex'd.

3. From the North East Corner of Love Street, runing up the South Side of it thro', by the Reverend Doctor Cutler's and down Salem Street to Peirce's Corner and up Prince Street on the North side, Crossing over thro' Bell Alley as far as Mr. Mountforts Corner, and so to the Dolphin Tavern, thence taking Fish street on both sides as far as Foster Lane, including the south side of said Lane.

4. From the North East Corner of Prince Street, running down the south side as Boucher's Corner, and then on both sides of the Way to the Mill bridge, and from thence on the West side of Middle Street to Prince Street, taking in the Square from Cox's Corner down the North side of Wood-Lane thro' Bell Alley to Capt. Wadsworth's.

5. From the North East Corner of Wood Lane on the South side into Middle street, running on the North side to the Mill Bridge, and then beginning at Byles's Corner in Anne Street on both sides the Way including the Dock and thro' Fish Street on both sides the Way, as far as the Red Lion Wharf.

6. From the Mill Bridge on both sides of Hanover Street to Bradford's Corner, Crossing Over to Cold Lane and thence running to Jacksons Still House, Returning thro' Kneeland's Lane into Sudbury Street taking in the Easterly side as far as the Orange Tree and then running down Hanover street on the Westerly side as far as Bradford's Corner and thence on the North side of Wing's Lane into Union Street on both sides to the Mill-Creek.

[202.] 7. From Barton's point, thro' Leverett's Street and Green Lane and Cambridge Street on both sides, taking in the Southerly Side of Hawkins's Lane and round into Sudbury Street the Westerly Side, Crossing into Southack's Court, and thence Crossing the Hill to the Water side.

8. From the South East Corner of Wing's Lane running upon the Southerly side of it, and so on the Easterly Side of Hanover Street and then running down on the Northerly side of Queen and King street on the Long Wharf, and thro' Merchant's Row to Mr. Jackson (the Brasiers) Shop, taking in Dock Square.

9. From Mr. Bowdoin's Corner in Treamount Street, taking in the Westerly Side of Beacon Street down to the bottom of the Common, then taking the North side of School and Milk street, as far as Horn Lane, thro' Water street to Oliver's Dock, running thro' Mackarel Lane, and then including the South sides of King and Queen Streets.

10. From Mr. Secretary Willard's running down on the North side of Rawson's Lane crossing over to Penniman's Corner running

down on the Northerly side of Summer street as far as Cow Lane, and so over the Hill as far as the northerly Side of Mr. Hubbard's Land, and then round by Hallowell's Shipyard to Milk street, thence running on the Southerly side, including the South Meeting House Square, and then taking in the South side of School Street.

11. From the South Corner of Rawson's Lane down the Common, as far as West street, thence running down the North side of Pond Street and Blind Lane into Summer Street, thro' Barton's Rope Walk as far as Mr. Hubbard's thence [**203.**] Up the Hill and then down Cow Lane, the South East side into Summer Street, and then the Southerly side of Summer Street, thence Crossing over and taking the Westerly side of Marlborough Street as far as Rawsons' Lane, including the South side of said Lane.

12. From the School House in the Common down the South side of Pond Lane as far as the Bull Wharf including the whole to the Southward.

All which is Humbly Submitted, by
Your Humble Servants.

Jacob Wendell.
William Tyler.
Jeffery Bedgood.
John Hill.
Thomas Hubbard.

Boston 9th. Mar. 1735.

Voted, That the Report of the said Committee be Accepted ——— And that the Town of Boston be, and hereby is Divided into Twelve Wards or Districts according to the said Report; And that it so remain and continue, Until the Town shall see Cause to alter the same.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting till Tomorrow at Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

The Town being Assembled.

Mr. Richard Barnard, was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market, for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That Twenty Pounds be Allow'd to Mr. Jonathan Williams Out of the Granary Stock, in Addition to his Salary, For his Care of the Towns Granary, the Year past.

[**204.**] Mr. Jonathan Williams's Motion relating to the better Regulation of the Cows, going on Boston Common, Came under Consideration, ———

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to project some Draught for Regulating the Cows, going upon the Common in Boston, And Present the same to the Town at their next General Meeting for Consideration.

Messrs. William Phillips - - - -	Sworn	Constables.
Harbottle Dorr - - - -	Sworn	
Ralph Hart - - - - - - -	Sworn	

were Chosen Constables, for the Year ensuing.

The Select Men having Reported to the Town at this present Meeting, the Notorious Neglect of the Inhabitants, in Registring Births and Deaths, According to a Law of this Province in that Case Provided: It is Therefore,

Voted, That the Town Clerk be, and hereby is Ordered and Directed to take Care that the Law for Registring Births and Deaths be duly Observ'd in this Town; And That He Posecuter in the Law Such Persons as Shall or Do neglect the same.

The Town Proceeded to the Choice of Collectors of the Rates and Taxes ——— The Votes being sorted It Appear'd, That

Capt. Daniel Pecker
Mr. William Rand } Collectors.
Mr. Nathanael Barber

Were Accordingly Chosen Collectors for the Year Ensuing.

[**205.**] Voted, That Nine pence upon the Pound be allow'd and Paid out of the Town Treasury to the Collectors of Rates and Taxes, for the Year Ensuing, They giving Sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of the Select-Men, for the faithful Discharge of their Trust.

The Affairs of the Markets coming Under Consideration, relating to the Continuance of Clerks for the Year Ensuing — And the Allowance for their Service the Year past &c. Upon which the following Questions were propos'd. Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether the Town would Continue a Clerk for the North Market, the Year Ensuing?

Voted, In the Negative.

Quest. Whether the Town would Continue a Clerk for the Middle Market, the Year Ensuing?

Voted, In the Negative.

Quest. Whether the Town would Continue a Clerk for the South Market, the Year Ensuing?

Voted, In the Negative.

Voted, That the Ringing of Bells at the Opening of the Markets, be Discontinued.

Voted, That the Sum of Five Pounds be Allowed and Paid to Each of the Three Sextons, for Ringing the Market Bells the Year past.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be allow'd and Paid to Mr. John Foster, the Clerk of the North Market, for his Service the year past.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be [**206.**] Allow'd and Paid to Capt. James Watson the Clerk of the Middle Market, for his Service the Year past.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be Allow'd and Paid to Mr. Francis Willoughby, the Clerk of the South Market, for his Service the Year past.

The Town proceeded to the Choice of Twelve Overseers of the Poor ——— The Votes being Collected and Sorted, It Appeared That the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office. Viz^{t}.

Jacob Wendell Esqr.
John Ruck Esqr.
Henry Dering Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
John Hunt Esqr.
Capt. Samuel Greenwood.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.

Capt. John Hill.
Mr. Thomas Hubbard.
Capt. Daniel Henchman.
Capt. Joshua Cheever.
Mr. Edward Bromfield.

Mr. John Checkley Proposing, That the Affair of the Markets, Pass'd upon in the Morning, might be Reconsidered, And the Motion being Seconded, A Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether the Town would have the Votes relating to the Markets, past in the Morning, Reconsidered?

Which Vote being Challenged, and a Poll demanded, It was propos'd ———

[**207.**] Whether That Affair should be Decided by a Poll?

Voted. In the Affirmative.

Accordingly, The Voters being Separated and Numbred, It Appear'd and was Declared, That the

Number of Voters.	For Reconsidering - - - - -	138.
	Not Reconsidering - - - - -	135.

Voted, That the Affair be Adjourned 'till Four of the Clock Afternoon, this Day.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till half an Hour after Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

Afternoon, Being Assembled.

Voted, That The Report of the Committee for Auditing the Town Treasurer's Accounts for the Year past, be Accepted; And the Treasurer accordingly discharged.

Voted, That Job Lewis Esqr.
Mr. Hugh Vans,
Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr. and
George Craddock Esqr.
be a Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts, the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Sum of One ndred and Fifty Pounds be Allow'd and Paid Out of the Town Treasury to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. Town Treasurer, for his Service in that Office the Year past.

The Time Appointed, According to Order for Reconsidering the Votes past in the Morning, respecting the Markets ——— being Come ——— A Motion was made and Seconded, Viz^{t}. That the mind of the Town might be known, Whether They would Reconsider the Affair [**208.**] Respecting the Three Markets Separate and Singly, or, Altogether ——— Accordingly The Votes being Collected, Sorted and Numbred It Appeared, That the Number

For Reconsidering the Votes.	Together,	were, 473.
	Single - -	were, 128.

After Debate —— It was put to the Vote Viz^{t}.

Whether it be the Mind of the Town to Continue to Chuse Three Clerks of the Markets for the Year Ensuing ——— Accordingly, Those for Continuing them were directed to write, *Yea*. And those who were for Discontinuing them, *Nay*.

And Upon Collecting, Sorting and Numbering the Votes, It Appear'd there were, 676.
Voters ——— Of which Number were, 278.
Yea. ——— and 398, Nay.

The Town proceeded to bring in their written Votes for a County Treasurer (for Suffolk) which being Collected were According to Law, Sealed Up by Constable Thomas Clark —— by Him to be kept and return'd unto the next Quarter Sessions to be held for said County.

Voted, To Adjourn this Meeting 'till Tomorrow, at Three of the Clock, Afternoon.

The Town being Assembled.

The several Petitions for Paving ——— Read —— And a Question put, Viz^t.

Whether it be the mind of the Town, to Raise any Money, to be disposed of, or laid out in New Paving, the Year Ensuing?

Voted, In the Negative.

[**209.**] Upon a Motion made and Seconded.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee of Five Persons To take under Consideration, and to Project Some Method for the better and more Effectual Watching the Town of Boston; and whereby also the Inhabitants may be Eased of considerable part of the Charge and Expence They are now at, in Maintaining and supporting the Watch ——— And that they be desired to make Report thereof, at the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That Capt. Samuel Greenwood. ——
Mr. Jacob Parker. ——
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Lee — and
Mr. John Darrel ——
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid

Voted, That the Raising of Money to Defray the Charges of the Ensuing Year, be Referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

A List of the Twelve Wards or Districts, into which the Town is now Divided, with a Proposal for their respective Assignment, Each one to the care of a particular Overseer, being presented, was Read ——— As follows, Viz^t.

Number, One	John Ruck Esqr.
Two	Capt. Samuel Greenwood.
Three	Capt. Joshua Cheever.
Four	William Tyler Esqr.
Five	Capt. Daniel Henchman.
Six	Mr. Thomas Hubbard.
Seven	Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.
Eight	Henry Dering Esqr.
Nine	John Hunt Esqr.
Ten	Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Eleven	Mr. Edward Bromfield.
Twelve	Capt. John Hill.

[**210.**] The foregoing Scheme or Disposition of Wards being Approved ———

Voted, That the same be Accepted; And That the said particular Wards be, and hereby are Assigned to the more Especial Oversight, Authority and Care of Each of the said Overseers ——— Accordingly ———

The Freeholders proceeded to bring in Their Votes, for A Register of Deeds and Conveyances of Land within the County of Suffolk ——— Which being Collected, were, according to Law Sealed up, by Constable Thomas Clark, by him to be kept and Returned unto the next Quarter Sessions to be held for said County.

Voted, That the Other Affairs, not as yet Passed On, At this Meeting, be Referr'd, for Consideration, At the next General Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, regularly Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, upon Wednesday the 28th. April, Anno Domini, 1736.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Peter Thatcher,

And

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting Read ———

The Honble John Jeffries Esqr as Moderator [**211.**] Of the Select Men, and in Their Name, Informed the Town, As follows, Viz^t ———

By the Laws of this Province, The Power of Regulating this Meeting, for the Choice of Representatives, is wholly vested in the Select Men ———

But, as there are Other Affairs of the Town to be Transacted, which will require the Choice of a Moderator ——— If the Town shall think it best, At the Opening of the Meeting to Chuse One ——— We Consent to it; Saving to ourselves the Right of giving Directions for the Regular and orderly Carrying on the Affairs of said Meeting, Which by Law We are possessed of.

Accordingly, A Question, was put to the Town, Viz^t. Whether They would Now proceed to the Choice of A Moderator?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

The Town then Proceeded to the Choice of A Moderator, by written Votes; Which being Collected, It Appeared, That,

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. was Chosen Moderator, by a great Majority.

A Motion being made and seconded, It was Proposed to the Town, Viz^t Whether They would proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

Voted, In the Affirmative.

The Votes being Collected, and Number'd, The Voters were found to be, ——— 266.

The Number of Voters being first declared by the Select Men, They proceeded to sorting the Votes, By which it Appeared, That the following Gentlemen were duly Elected, Viz^t.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. - - Numb^r of Votes 250
Mr. Oxenbridge Thacher - - - - - - - - - - - 200

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. - - - - - - - - - - - 248
Mr. Timothy Prout - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 249

[212.] The Select Men having Declared the Choice of the Representatives ———

The Moderator took His Place, And the Town proceeded to the Other Business of the Meeting.

Sundry Petitions, Read
and Motions, made, Viz^t.

The Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr made a Motion (which was Seconded) Viz^t. That In Consideration of the great Difficulties the Town of Boston labours under, on many Accounts, the said Town would Give Instructions to their Representatives.

Mr. John Lovel's Petition - - - - - - - - - - Read.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants, Proprietors of Lands abutting on Sea-Street. Read.

Collectors of Taxes, their Petition. Read.

A Petition of Mr. John Lovel, Master of the South Grammar School, Shewing that the Salary allow'd him by the Town, is not sufficient to defray the Necessary Charges of A Family; Praying for an Addition thereto ——— Read —

And the Question being put, Whether An Addition should be made to Mr. Lovel's Salary, in Answer to his Petition?

It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Sum of Sixty Pounds, p Annum be Added to the Salary of Mr. John Lovel, to Commence from the Eighth of April, currant.

The Motion made by the Honble Elisha Cooke Esqr. at the Opening of this Meeting, For Instructions to be Given to the Representatives, came under Consideration, And after some Debate, thereon.

[213.] Voted, To Chuse a Committee of Five Persons, to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives.

Voted, That Capt. Nathanael Cunningham,
Mr. Hugh Vans,
Mr. Samuel Waldo,
Mr. Cornelius Waldo, and
Mr. James Pierpoint,
be a Committee for the End aforesaid ——— Who are Desired to Prepare Instructions accordingly, And lay them before the Town, at the Adjournment of this Present Meeting, for their Consideration.

The Committee Appointed the 11 March last, To Consider of, and project some Method for the better and more Effectual Watching the Town of Boston, Presented Their Report ——— Which was Read And is as follows, Viz^t.

The Committee to whom was Referred, (at the Annual Meeting in March last) the Consideration of some Method for the better and more Effectual Watching the Town of Boston, and the Easing the Inhabitants of Considerable part of the Charge in maintaining the same &c — Report as follows,

That We have taken into Consideration, the various methods of

Watching herefore known and practis'd in the Town, and are of Opinion, That the Method of Maintaining a Watch by a Tax on the Inhabitants and Residents of the Town, is most Agreable to Justice, and best Calculated for the Ease and safety thereof, if under a due and proper Regulation.

And for that Purpose, We would Propose,

1. That there be only Four Watch-Houses maintained at the Charge of the Town; Viz^t. The Watch House at [**214.**] The South End, near Mr. Eliot's; The Watch House at the Town House; The Watch House at the Dockhead; And One to the Northward of the Mill Creek, which We propose should stand at the South East Corner of Bennet-Street (on the Land of James Bowdoin Esqr. Who is very willing to gratify the Town in that respect, the Town only paying him some small Acknowlegement for the same: But if the Town should disapprove thereof, then We propose, that the Watch be kept at the House near the Old North Meeting House, as heretofore; and that the Town be at no further Charge towards the Support of any other Watch House. And to Prevent any disadvantage that may Arise from discontinuing the other Watch Houses, it is propos'd, That the South Watch (in their Rounds) inspect that District which belong'd to the Watch at the Neck ——— That the Watch at the Town-House inspect the Long Wharf ——— That the Watch at the Dock-Head inspect the Dock, with the Streets and Lanes to the Southward of the Mill-Creek, formerly under the Care of the North Watch ——— And that the North Watch take the inspection of all that part of the Town to the Northward of the Mill-Creek, to be divided into Two Wards, to be Visited by the Watch-men in turns.

2. That there be Four Sober, able bodied Persons appointed for Each Watch House, And that One of the most discreet of their Number, be Appointed to take the Charge of the Watch, Who, as a Badge of his Office shall be Obliged to Carry a Quarter Pike, And the Others to carry a Staff with a Bill, as the Law directs.

3. That there be Written Orders and Directions, given by the Select Men of the Town, to the Watch Men, to be hung Up in Each Watch House, describing their Wards, with their Duty, Power, &c. ——

[**215.**] And for the more effectual Answering the designed Ends, it is proposed ———

(1) That the several Watchmen be at their respective Watch-Houses by Ten O'Clock, and to continue there in the morning till broad Day-Light.

(2.) That immediately after Ten O'Clock, there be, (at least Three Times every Week) Two persons sent out from Each Watch House to Walk the Streets, Lanes &c. in Order to take up all Negro and Molatto Servants, that shall be unseasonably Absent from their Masters Families, without giving a sufficient reason therefor.

(3.) That at Twelve O'Clock Two Persons from Each Watch-House set out to Walk the Rounds (which may be varied as shall be judged proper) in and about the Inhabited Streets Lanes, and

Wharfs within their several Wards: And that within half an hour after their coming in, the Other Two shall go out, and so by turns, till the Dawn of the Day, and that they be Obliged to Attend this duty, in rainy and stormy, as well as fair weather. And further, That during the whole Night, One or Other of the Watch-men shall stand at the Watch-House Door, to Examin All Passers-by, And if they cannot give a good Account of themselves, to secure them as the Law directs.

4. That there be One Capable Person appointed as an Inspector of the several Watch Houses, Who shall be Obliged to Visit each Watch House, at least Three Times every Week, And keep A written Memorandum of All Deficiencies, Which he shall lay before the Select Men, every Month before the Watch-Men are paid off, that so in case of any Neglect, A proper sum may be deducted out of the Delinquents Wages, Or he be dismist, As the Select Men shall think proper. And inasmuch as Several Orders of Officers within the Town, do frequently Walk in the Night, and among other things, Visit the Watch Houses, We would hope the Inspection of the Watch would hereby be Sufficiently provided for.

[**216.**] (5.) That inasmuch as by this method the Watch-Mens Work will be considerably increased, It is Proposed, That Each Mans Wages be raised to Fifty Pounds p Annum, And that the Inspector be paid the same Sum, Which We would hope, would be a sufficient Encouragement to Industry and Faithfulness in the Discharge of their respective Duties.

Now, upon this Method We would beg leave to Observe, That inasmuch as hereby the Watch Men would be Obliged to Walk their Rounds in Stormy and Rainy Weather, And the Latter part of the Night, which Ordinarily now they do not after Two O'Clock ——— The Town would be much better Watch'd than now it is; And besides, there would be an Abatement of the Expence About Three Hundred and Eighty Pounds p Annum.

Which will Appear from the following Calculation, Viz.

16 Watchmen, at £50 p Annum,	£800	"	-	"	- -
1 Inspector - - - - - - - -	50	"	-	"	- -
Candles 10s p Month for the 4 Watch Houses - - -	24	"	-	"	- -
Coals £4 p year for Each House -	- 16	"	-	"	- -
	£890	"	-	"	- -
Which Sum being deducted from ———	£1268	"	- 3	"	- 4
the Charge of the last year will leave	£378	"	- 3	"	- 4

which the Town will save in its Annual Expences;

All which is Humbly Submitted to the Consideration of the Town ———

By the Subscribers,

SAMUEL GREENWOOD
JOHN FAYERWEATHER
April, 26. 1736. THOMAS LEE
JACOB PARKER
JOHN DARRELL

[**217.**] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, 'till 4 O'Clock Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled. ———

Messrs. Benjamin Mason,
Benjamin Williams,
Newman Greenough, } Clerks of the Market.
John Welch, and
Joseph Sherburne

were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing.

Mr. Charles Gyles, was chosen to serve as one of the Hogreves, the year ensuing. ———

The Select Men, having prepared a By-Law, for the Regulating the Cows going on the Common, and for Providing Bulls to go with them, Presented the same. Read ——— which is as follows, Viz^t^. ———

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, convened in Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House, the 28th. day of April, Anno Domini, 1736.

Whereas the Town Law, or Order already made, for regulating the Cows going on the Common, And for the better Providing of Bulls to go with them, has by Experience been found insufficient for defraying the Charge. ———

For the more Effectual Providing for the same ———

Voted and Ordered ———

That Whosoever shall keep any cow, or Cows, going at large within the Neck of Boston, shall Pay into the Hands of such Person or Persons, As the Select Men Shall from Time to Time Appoint to receive [**218.**] The same, the Sum of Eleven Shillings p Annum for Each Cow, to be Employ'd as follows, Viz^t^. Six Shillings and Six pence thereof towards Providing of, and keeping Four Bulls to go at large on the Common, from the first of April, to the first of November; And Two or more from the first of November, to the first of April following, As the Select Men shall Order from Year to Year; Three shillings and six pence more thereof, for Paying the Cow keeper, And the remaining One Shilling for Paying the Person that shall be Appointed by the Select Men to Receive said Money, and give forth a Certificate to the Owner of Each Cow, Shewing that they have Paid the said Eleven Shillings for each Cow, And if any Person or Persons shall have any Cow, or Cows which they shall keep in their Pastures or Enclosures, and do not suffer them to go at large on the Common, Shall Pay only Six Shillings and Six pence towards the Bulls. And if any Cow, or Cows shall be found going on the Common aforesaid, Whose Owner has not paid the aforesaid Sum of Eleven Shillings, and Obtained a Certificate of their having so done, Such Owner Shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifteen Shillings, being thereof Convicted, before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the County of Suffolk; the same to be Recovered by the Person impowered by the Select Men to gather the Money and to be Employed for and towards the defraying the Charge aforesaid.

The foregoing By-Law or Order, being Considered, and Approved ———

Voted, That the Same be Accepted; And that the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Present it to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, next to be Holden for the County of Suffolk, for their Approbation. ———

[219.] Upon a Motion made by the Select Men, Shewing that the House wherein the Bulls are kept, adjoining to the South Burying Peace, is insufficient for that Use; And Desiring the Town would give direction for removing the said Bull-House, and to Joyn the same to the Gun-House in the Common: Or that they would make such other Provision for them, As to them should seem most convenient. ———

Voted, That the Select Men, be Desired to make Enquiry into the State and Circumstances of the said Gun-House in the Common, And make Report thereof, to the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Petition of Messrs. Daniel Pecker, Nathanael Barber and William Rand, Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston for the Year 1735, Praying that the Assessors may be allow'd and impower'd to Set On Abatements, 'till the latter end of July next. ———

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants and Proprietors of Lands abutting on Sea-Street ——— Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to View the Said Street; Consider the Prayer of the Petitioners, And to Report, at the Adjournment of this Meeting, What they think may be proper for the Town to do thereon ———

The Report of the Committee for the Watch, as Entred in the Fore Noon ——— Read again, And after Debate thereon ———

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted ———

Voted, A Grant of Seven Thousand Six [220.] Hundred Pounds, to be Raised by a Tax on Polls, and Estates, within the Town of Boston, for Relief of the Poor, and defraying Other Necessary Charges, arising within and for the said Town, the Year Ensuing ———

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday the 21st. of May next, At Three O'Clock Afternoon.

Fryday, May, 21. 1736.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment.

A Report of the Select Men, on a Petition of the Inhabitants, Abutters on Sea-Street ——— Read ——— As follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town as above ——— We the Subscribers have accordingly Attended that service; Have Viewed the Street mentioned in the Petition referr'd to; Considered the Prayer of the Petitioners; And Report thereon as follows, Viz^{t}.

That the ancient High Way, which was to be maintained in good Repair of Fifty feet in Breadth, be now reduced to the Breadth of Thirty five feet, Which We apprehend will well Accomodate the Inhabitants, and Sufficiently Answer all the Ends of A Street

——— And Therefore, that the said Street be fixed and established by the Town to be Thirty-five feet in breadth; And that the same be maintained and kept in good Repair, Open free and Unincumbred, at the proper Cost and Charge of the Proprietors and Abutters on said Street, for the Use of the Town of Boston forever. ——— All which is Humbly Submitted By, John Jeffries, Jon^a^. Armitage, Alex^a^. Forsyth, John Eastwicke, Jonas Clarke, Select Men ——— Boston May, 19. 1736.

[**221.**] Voted, That this Report be Accepted. ———

The Select Men being Desired to make Enquiry into the state of the Gun House, and to Report thereon, As Entred Apr. 28 ——— Reported.

That They had According to the Desire of the Town, made Enquiry into the State and Circumstances of the Gun House in the Common, and considered thereof; And that They find it was Built by Order of, and at the Cost and Charge of the Town of Boston, in the year 1712, in Order to House some Field Carriages, which are now in it. That They are of Opinion ——— That the said Gun House with some Repairs, may well serve to hold the said Carriages still, and also for Keeping the Bulls, with Hay sufficient for them. ———

Voted, That this Report be Accepted. ———

Capt. Cunningham from the Committee Chosen and Appointed the 28th. April, last, to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives, Presented the same to the Town for their Consideration, ———Which were Read ——— And,

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, Viz^t^. ———

That in consideration of the Importance of the Instructions to the Representatives, Now presented by the Committee as Above, And the Smallness of the Number of Inhabitants now Assembled, The following Question was put, Viz^t^. Whether it be the mind of the Town, That this Meeting Shall be Adjourned to Monday Next at Five O'Clock Afternoon — And That the Select Men be desired to take Care That the Inhabitants be duly Notified of the said Adjournment, in Such Manner as They shall think best.

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Mr. Cushing from the Committee Appointed Dec. 29. 1735. To Examin into the State of the Long Wharf ——— &c. Presented their Report. ——— Which was Read ——— as follows, Viz^t^.

[**222.**] The Committee Appointed the 29th Dec. last to Examin into the State of the Long Wharf, and make due Enquiry, Whether or no, the Right of the Inhabitants of this Town relating to the same has not been Violated, And to make Report thereon, Have Attended that Service ——— And upon a thorough Perusal and mature Consideration of the Grant of the Flats, made to the Proprietors of the Long Wharf, together with the Covenants & Engagements which said Proprietors made with the Town in that Affair ——— We find ———

That in the Year 1710, It was Covenanted and Agreed between the Town, And the Original Undertakers or Proprietors of the Long Wharf, in Manner following Viz^t^. That the Proprietors should have full Liberty to Erect & Build a Good and Sufficient

Wharf, of the breadth of King Street, from the End of said Street as it then was on a direct Line to low Water Mark, And the Waste Ground or Flats of that wedth and length were Accordingly Granted and Released to them, without Prejudice to former Grants. ———

In Consideration whereof, the Undertakers or Proprietors were Obliged at their Own Cost and Charge to Erect, Build, Maintain and keep in good Repair, Said Wharf, Always leaving the breadth of Thirty feet On one side of the said Wharf, Unincumber'd for an Open and free High Way forever to the Use of the Town and Others; And that the End of the said Wharf Should be free for the service of the Town, when they should see Reason to Plant Guns thereon for their Defence.

It was also Covenanted and Agreed, That no Wharf beyond the Circular Line Should be permitted or Suffered to Join or be forever built nearer than Sixty feet of the Waste or Flats then Granted. ———

These, We Apprehend the Essential Parts of the Grant on the Town's part, And also of the Covenant on the part of the Proprietors. ———

[**223.**] As to the Performance of Conditions, We would Observe ——— That We can't discover but that the Town have punctually Performed all that has been ever Promised and Engaged in their behalf to the said Proprietors, Nor can We find that Ever the Proprietors have been disturbed or disrested, but that they have allways been in the quiet and peaceable Possession and Improvement of all that was ever Granted them; But as to Performance on the Proprietors part ——— We find.

1. That the Thirty feet left as an High Way on the Southerly Side of said Wharf has not commonly been, neither at this time is so free and Unincumbered as it reasonably ought to be for an High Way for the Inhabitants and Others, pursuant to the Original Contract; And what seems very Extraordinary is, that Notwithstanding it was expressly Stipulated, that it should remain forever As an Open and free High Way without any reservation peculiar to the Proprietors, Yet they constantly demand and Exact Wharfidge for all Goods landed there from on board Foreign Vessels, tho' they belong to our own Inhabitants, Which We Apprehend to be a Violation of the Contract and a manifest Infraction upon the Right of the Inhabitants.

2. That the End of the Wharf is not free according to Contract, but incumbered with a Crane House Erected there, neither is that part of the Wharf in any tolerable Condition suitable for Planting a Line of Guns, as it ought ever to be. ———

3. We find that several Proprietors of the Long Wharf have made Encroachments on the North side of said Wharf, where Platforms, and also a Wharf are built, and additions made to their Houses beyond the Circular Line, which is an Evident Violation of the forementioned Covenant made between the Town and Proprietors.

Upon the Whole, We are humbly of Opinion, That the Select Men for the time being be desired to take care That the said

Thirty feet High Way on the Long Wharf be kept [**224.**] Unincumbred in such manner as it ought to be, and that it be kept in Repair at the Charge of the Proprietors of said Wharf.

And Furthermore, We Apprehend it very needful, that the Right of the Inhabitants as to a free Wharfage of their Goods be speedily Asserted and Defended, At the Charge of the Town. ——

All which is Humbly Submitted ———

Edwd. Hutchinson
William Clark
Thomas Cushing Junr.
John Steel. ———

Boston May, 21. 1736.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted; And That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired and Impowered to Assert and Defend the Right of the Inhabitants, as set forth in the said Report, and in every respect prosecute this Affair agreeable thereto. ———

Messrs. Jonathan Dwight
Zechariah Fitch
Eliphalet Parker
Thomas Townsend
} Clerks of Market.

Were Chosen to serve, as Clerks of the Market the Year Current.

Mr. Joseph Calef, is Chosen Hogreve, for the Year Current.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday next, the 24th. instant, at 5 O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday May, 24th. 1736. ———

The Town being Assembled. ———

[**225.**] The Report of A Committee, to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives, laid before the Town for Consideration, At their Adjournment the 21st. instant —— Read again; and is as follows.

At a Publick Town Meeting at Boston, upon Wednesday, the 28th. April, 1736.

Messieurs Nathanael Cunningham, Hugh Vans, Samuel Waldo, Cornelius Waldo, and James Peirpoint ——— Were Chosen a Committee to Prepare Instructions for the Representatives, and lay them before the Town for their Approbation at the Adjournment upon Fryday the 21st. May next Ensuing,

Presented as follows, Viz^t^.

To the Honourable Elisha Cooke Esqr. Messieurs Oxenbridge Thacher, Thomas Cushing, and Timothy Prout.

Gentlemen

We the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Regularly Assembled ——— Cannot manifest Our great Esteem and Regard for you, in a more peculiar Manner than We have done, by Chusing You again, to Appear as Our Agents and Representatives in the Great and General Court of this Province for the Year Ensuing.

And Whereas this Province in General (as well as this Town in particular) Labours under the greatest Hardships, Difficulties and Distresses upon many Accounts, without any signal Prospect of Relief. ———

And Altho' We do not in the least Question Your Faithfulness to the true Interest of this Province in general as well as the Trade and Business of this Town in particular ——— Yet Esteeming it Our Duty [**226.**] In this unhappy Juncture, Wherein (As We Apprehend) Our Laws, Liberties and Properties are in Danger, Earnestly to Request of You ——— To Exert all Your Powers, in Conjunction with the Other Worthy Members of the Honourable House of Representatives, to Guard Against, and Defend Us from, All Encroachments that may be Attempted Against Our Natural Rights, Or Charter Privileges. ——— And, That it may not be Objected to You by any Persons whatsoever, that You do not Act agreeable to the Mind of Your Principals, upon several Important Heads, We wou'd in a more Especial Manner Earnestly Recommend to You. ———

1st. That Inasmuch as We Apprehend Our Selves grievously Oppress'd by a very large and disproportionable part of the Province Tax ——— laid upon Us from Time to Time for several Years past, Compared with the Proportions paid by the Other Towns within this Province ——— We Therefore Earnestly Recommend to you, the most diligent Search, and strict Enquiry, into the Rules by which such Proportions have been Ascertained That by Comparing the Province Tax paid by Gentlemen of Estate in the Countrey Towns, with Other Gentlemen of like Estate in the Town of Boston; there may be such Regulations as that Every Town may pay such a proportion as to Justice and Equity Appertains.

2ly. Whereas the King's Instruction to the Governour of this Province ———

Vizt.

The XVIth. Instruction Directs and Enjoins the Governour, Not to Assent to any Act ——— Whereby Bills of Credit may be struck or Issued in Lieu of Money, for above the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds p Annum, And [**227.**] That no more than Thirty Thousand Pounds of such Bills be ever Current at One and the same time. ———

The XVIIIth. Instruction Directs, That Whereas several Bills of Credit to a Considerable Value are standing out upon the foot of certain Acts heretofore Passed for that purpose, Whereby particular Funds are Provided for Calling in and Sinking them, The Governor is thereby Directed to Call in all such the said Bills According to the Periods and Provisions of the respective Acts by which they were Issued. ———

And Whereas We Apprehend the Distressing Circumstances of this Province in many Respects (And for a more particular Account thereof, We refer You to the Memorial preferr'd by Us to the Great and General Court of this Province, at their Session in January last) Renders the Complying with the said Instruction altogether Impracticable, if not Impossible, ———

We therefore Injoin You to Use Your Utmost Power and Influence to prevent the Passing of any Act in the General Assembly for the Raising any Sums of Money by a Tax upon the Inhabitants of the Province, Unless such Act, put the Payment of said

Taxes upon such Years as may (Consistent with a rational probability) Capacitate and Enable them to discharge the same.

3ly. Whereas, Large Sums of Money have been Granted for His Majesty's Service by former Assemblys, And notwithstanding Such Grants have been Guarded with particular Appropriations, Yet such Cautions have not been Attended with their Expected or Desired Success: But We have great reason to Believe, that such Sums so Appropriated have been Misapplied, Which Renders the Property of His Majestys good Subjects of this Province very precarious, and exposed to Numberless inconveniences. For Remedying whereof, We Earnestly Recommend to You A strict Inquiry into the state of the Treasury; And that You would Use all proper means to Acquaint [228.] Yourselves with what Misapplications have been made of the Public Moneys in Time past, And Guard Against any such Impositions for the Future. ———

All which is Humbly Submitted By
Your most Humble Servants,

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at their Adjournment this 21. May, 1736.

Nath. Cunningham
Hugh Vans
Cornels. Waldo
James Peirpoint ———

Voted, That this Report be Accepted: And that the same be given As the Instructions of the Town of Boston to their Representatives.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, regularly Assembled in Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House Upon Saturday, June, 5th. 1736. ———

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting being Read — The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator. ———

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham was Chosen Moderator of this Meeting. ———

Mr. Thomas Hancock's Petition, Read.
Mr. Thomas Chub's Petition - - Read.

Messrs. Gershom Keyes and John Checkley [229.] Two of the Committee Appointed to Inspect, Survey and Plat Three Tracts of Land, Agreeable to a Grant of the Great and General Court to the Town of Boston, As Entred the Third of Feb. last past, Presented their Report; As likewise the Plans of Three Townships by them Accordingly Survey'd and Platted ———

Which being Read ——— is as follows Vizt.

We the Subscribers, following the Directions of the Town, to Advise with Messrs. Jones and others in Surveying and Plating Three Townships, for the Town of Boston, have accordingly Inspected, Survey'd and Platted Three Townships, Agreeable to Three Plats laid before the Town, June the 5th. 1736.

Gershom Keyes ———
John Checkley ———

Voted, That this Report be Accepted ——— And that the Plans of Three Townships now laid before the Town be Delivered

to the Representatives of Boston, by them to be Presented to the Great and General Court now Sitting, for Confirmation.

Upon a Motion, or Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in Order to preserve the North Battery Wharf from being Carried away by Storms;

Voted to Chuse a Committee of Three Persons, to View and Consider the State and Circumstances of the North Battery Wharf, And to make Report thereof to the Town at their next Public Town Meeting.

Accordingly.

Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.
Mr. John Walker &
Mr. Thomas Lee ———

Were Chosen a Committee for the Ends aforesaid ———

Upon the Petition of Mr. Thomas Hancock for Liberty to Raise and Level some part of Beacon [**230.**] Street, Especially before his Own Land abutting thereon, for Reasons therein Mentioned. Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired to View the Street mentioned in Mr. Hancock's Petition, Consider the Prayer of the Petitioner, And Report to the Town, at their next Meeting ——— What they think may be proper to be done thereon. ———

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, For Reconsidering A Vote pass'd at this Meeting relating to the North Battery Wharf——— And thereupon a Reconsideration being had ———

Voted, That the said Committee be, and hereby are Desired, to make Their Report to the Town on that Affair, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Upon a Motion made, and Seconded, For Reconsidering A Vote pass'd at this Meeting, relating to A Petition of Mr. Thomas Hancock ——— And thereupon a Reconsideration being had ———

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to make their Report to the Town on that Affair, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday, June 11th. current, at Four O'Clock, afternoon.

Friday June, 11th, 1736.

The Town being Assembled.———

[**231.**] The Select Men, to whom was refer'd the Consideration of Mr. Hancock's Petition, Reported thereon as follows, Vizt. ———

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town, the 5th. instant, We, the Subscribers have Attended the Service desired of Us; Have Viewed Beacon Street, mentioned in the Petition of Mr. Thomas Hancock; Considered the Prayer thereof, together with His Proposals, And Report thereon, as follows, Vizt. ———

That it is Our Opinion, It may be proper and convenient for the Town to Grant Liberty to the said Mr. Hancock to Level the Ground before his Land abutting on Beacon-Street aforesaid, And to Gravel the same the Breadth of Thirty feet; Upon Condition,

That he the said Hancock, at his own proper Cost and Charge, from time to time forever, Do well and sufficiently Secure the same, and prevent the Gravel from Washing down upon the Common, and spoiling the Herbage thereof. ———

All which is Submitted ———

By

Boston June 11th 1736.

Jon^A Armitage
David Collson
Alex^R. Forsyth
John Eastwicke
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke.
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

Mr. John Walker from the Committee Appointed (the 5th. instant) to View and Consider the state and Circumstances of the North Battery Wharf ——— Reported thereon ——— Which being Read, is as follows, Viz^t.

According to the Vote of the Town, We the Committee Appointed, Have taken a Survey of the North Battery Wharf, And find the South East Side [232.] To be almost Washed away to the Foundation, And also the North East Head to be Wash'd away to the Foundation, the North West Side, and the South West Side to be in pretty good Repair, only wanting of good Cap-Sills, and if not speedily Repaired will Wash away, and may be of great Damage to the Navigation passing that way.

Jeff. Bedgood.
John Walker.
Boston June the 10th. 1736. Thomas Lee ———

Voted, That this Affair be re-committed to the Committee before Chosen and Appointed thereon, And that they be, and hereby are Desired to make an Estimate of the Cost and Charge which will be necessary for the Town to be at, in order to prevent the North Battery Wharf being Carried away by Storms.

Voted, That the said Committee be Desired to Report to the Town on this Affair, at the next Publick Town Meeting; And that the Select-Men be Desired, so to Order it, that the said Meeting may be at the same Time when the Town shall Meet for the Choice of Jurors for the Superior Court in August next.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified, and warned as the Law directs, regularly Assembled in Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Fryday the 23. of July, 1736.———

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting, being Read, The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator——— Accordingly.———

The Honble. Elisha Cooke Esqr. was Chosen Moderator of this Meeting.———

[233.] A plan of Two Townships, laid out in part Satisfaction of a Grant of Several Townships made to the Town of Boston, by the Great and General Court, Anno, 1735, Endorsed as follows Viz^t.

" In the House of Representatives, June, 12th. 1736.
" Read and Ordered, That the within Plat, Containing Two of " the Townships Granted by the General Court, Anno 1735. to the " Town of Boston, Called Number One, and Number Two, as within " Mentioned, be and hereby is Accepted, And the Lands therein " Contained Delineated and Described, Are accordingly Confirmed " to the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boston and " their Assigns respectively forever, They Complying with the Con- " ditions of the Grant. Provided That Neither of the Townships " contain no more than the Quantity of Six Miles Square of Land, " and neither of them interfere with any former Grant. Sent up " for Concurrence J. Quincy Spkr In Council June 15th. 1736. " Read and Concurred Simon Frost Dept Secry. Consented to, J. " Belcher. July 22, 1736. A true Copy, Examd. p Simon Frost " Dept Secry.

was Presented to the Town and Read ——— And,

Upon a Motion made and Seconded ———

Voted, That the further Consideration of the Affairs relating to the Two Townships aforesaid, be Refer'd to the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants in March next.———

Capt. Jeffery Bedgood from the Committee Appointed the 11th of June last past, To View the North-Battery Wharf; To make an Estimate of the Costs and Charge which will be necessary for the Town to be at, in order to prevent the said Wharf from being Carried away by Storms ——— Presented Their Report ——— Which was Read, And is as follows, Vizt. ———

According to the Vote of the Town, The Committee appointed to View the North-Battery Wharf ——— We Have advised with John Adams House Carpenter, the best way to preserve what there is, and also to make it it strong and substantial for to Plant a Battery of Cannon, is to Add to the South East Side Ten foot, To be Built of Square Pitch Pine Timber, which length is 170 foot, and the North East End is 44 foot in length [**234.**] And the nearest Computation that We can make is, to have it Compleated as it should be, It will cost at least One Thousand Pounds. ———

JOHN WALKER
Boston July. 23. 1736 JEFF. BEDGOOD.
THOMAS LEE ———

After Debate thereon ———

Voted, That the further Consideration of this Affair be Refer'd to the Annual Meeting in March next: And that in the mean time ——— The Committee be, and hereby are Desired to take the same under their further Consideration; And that they make Enquiry, in Order to Know What sum the said Wharf will Lett for p Annum, when it shall be so Repaired, And that They Report thereon, at the said Meeting. ———

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to take care, forthwith, to prevent the Damage which may Ensue or happen to any Vessel or Vessells, by the stones which lie at the North East Point of the North-Battery Wharf; by setting up a Beacon, or in such other way and manner as to them may seem most convenient. ———

The Town proceeded to the Choice of an Assessor, and the Votes being Collected and Sorted, it appeared That, Mr. Hugh Vans was Chosen to serve in that Office the Year Current. ———

Mr. John Miller (Distiller) was Chosen to serve as One of the Clerks of the Market the Year Currant and Sworn ———

Mr. Vans appearing, Pray'd the Town to Excuse him from Serving as an Assessor for thisYear ——— for Reasons mentioned.

[**235.**] Voted, That Mr. Vans be accordingly Excused. ———

Mr. Andrew Eliot was Chosen to serve the Town, as an Assessor, for the Year Current. ——— Sworn ———

A Letter Directed to the Select Men of Boston, Signed W^m^. Dudley County Treasurer, Relating to the Deficiencies of several late Constables, with respect to the County Tax, committed to them to collect ——— Read ———

Voted, A Grant of Two Hundred Pounds (in Addition to a Grant made the 28th. April, last past) to be Raised by a Tax on Polls and Estates, within the Town of Boston, to make good the Deficiency of Defraying the Town's Charges, which may arise or happen, in the Year current. ———

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd. ———

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Monday, March 14th. Anno Domini, 1736.

Prayer being made by the Rev. Joseph Sewall, D.D.

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting, were Read

The Town proceeding to the Choice of a Moderator for the Present Meeting, and the Votes being Collected, it appeared, That The Honourable Elisha Cooke Esquire, was Chosen, Unanimously.

Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town-Clerk, and Sworn.

Sundry Laws ——— Read.

Sundry Petitions and Proposals, Read.

Viz^t^.

Of Samuel Adams Esquire and Others, Abutters on Barton's Rope Walk, For the Towns help in the Purchase thereof, for a Street.

Of Mr. Edward Procter and Others for Paving Wood-Lane, &c.

[**236.**] Of Doctor Hugh Kennedy and Others, for Paving Love Street.

Of Mr. John Blake and Others, for Paving Orange Street.

Of Mr. Samuel Turell and Others, for Paving Beer-Lane.

Of Mr. Belcher Hancock, School Master at Rumney Marsh, for Addition to his Salary.

Of Capt. James Gooch Junr. and Others for Paving Green Lane.

Of Mr. John Staniford and Others, about Weighing of Hay, brought to Market.

Of Mr. James Read and Others, Masters of the Water Engines, to be Excused from Other Offices.

Of Mr. Samuel Gibson, Usher of the South Gram̄ar School, for Addition to his Salary.

Mr. Rowland Houghton's Proposals relating to the Sweeping of Chimnies. ———

The Town proceeded to the Choice of Officers, And

Voted, To Chuse Seven Select Men for the Year ensuing, distinct from the Assessors, Accordingly,

The Votes being Collected and sorted, it Appear'd, That,

The Hon. John Jeffries Esquire,	Select-Men
Capt. Jonathan Armitage,	
Mr. David Collson,	
Capt. Alexander Forsyth,	
Capt. Caleb Lyman,	
Mr. Jonas Clarke, and	
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Jun[r].	

Were Chosen Select Men.

Voted, To Chuse Twelve Overseers of the Poor, for the Year ensuing.

The Votes being accordingly Collected and sorted, it Appear'd, That,

	The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esquire	Overseers of the Poor
	John Ruck Esquire,	
[237.]	Henry Dering Esquire	
	William Tyler Esquire	
	John Hunt Esquire	
	Samuel Greenwood Esquire	
	Capt. Jeffery Bedgood	
	Capt. John Hill	
	Mr. Thomas Hubbard	
	Capt. Daniel Henchman	
	Capt. Joshua Cheever	
	Mr. Edward Bromfield	

Were Chosen Overseers of the Poor

Voted, That the Town would proceed to the Choice of County Treasurer, and Assessors, Tomorrow at Eleven O'Clock, And then also take into further Consideration the Affair of Erecting a Work House.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Twelve Constables.

Voted, To Chuse Collectors of Taxes distinct from the Constables.

Accordingly the Votes for Twelve Constables being collected and sorted, it Appeared, That,

Mess[rs]. Joseph Blake - - - -	- - - - - -	Pay
John Gardner - - -	- - - - - -	Pay
Josiah Quincy - - -	- - - - - -	Excus'd
Joshua Pitman - - -	- - - - - -	Excus'd
Samuel Wethered - -	- - - - - -	Pay
Edward Emerson - -	Constables - -	Pay
Henry Welsteed - - -		Pay
Samuel Marshall - -	- - - - - -	Pay
John Jones - - - -	- - - - - -	
John Jones (Batcheler)	- - - - - -	Pay
Thomas Parker - - -	One of the Govern[rs] Life Guard	
Christopher Minot - -	- - - - - -	Pay.

Were Chosen Constables.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, to Three O'Clock afternoon.

[238.] Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

The Select Men having Audited Mr. Jonathan Williams's Account of the Granaries, Their Report thereon, as Entred in Mr. Williams's Book, was Read, Accepted, and thereupon.

Voted, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds be, and here is allowed to Mr. Jonathan Williams, out of the Granary Stock in Addition to his Salary, as Overseer of the said Granary, for the Year past; And that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be allowed him for his Care of the Granary, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. Williams be Directed to Deliver to No Person, more than Half a Bushel, of Grain or Meal, of the same sort, at one Time.

Voted, That Mr. Isaac Gridley, be Surveyor of Hemp and Flax, within this Town, the Year ensuing. Sworn.

A List of Persons in Nomination for several Offices in the District of Rumney Marsh, for the year ensuing, Presented, Accordingly,

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Whittmore, be Constable for the District of Rumney Marsh, the Year ensuing. Sworn.

Voted, That Messrs. Samuel Floyd and
Daniel Tuttle, be Fence Viewers.

Voted, That Mr. John Hasey, be Sealer of Leather.

Voted, That Messrs. Joseph Hasey and
Samuel Hasey, be Hogreves.

Voted, That Mr. Nathanael Tuttle be Haward or Field-driver, within the District of Rumney Marsh, the year ensuing.

Messrs. John Simpson -	- - - - - - - - -	Pay
Joseph Lee - -	- - - - - - - - -	Pay
Richard Clarke -	- - - - - - - - -	Pay
Jonathan Dwight	Constables - - - -	Pay
John Breck - -	- - - - - - - - -	Pay
John Clark and -	- - - - - - - - -	Sworn
Isaac Casno - -	- - - - - - - - -	Pay

Were Chosen Constables.

[239.] The Report of a Committee appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts, the year past, As Entred in the Treasurer's Book, was Read, Accepted, and

Voted, That the Treasurer be discharged accordingly.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esquire made a Motion respecting the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, and after Consideration had thereon,

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor within this Town, for the Time being, Do, from time to time hereafter, in the close of the year, after their Accounts have been Audited by a Committee for that purpose appointed, Lodge the same in the Town-Clerk's Office.

The Select Men's Report on the Visitation of the Public Schools, the year past, Presented, and Read———

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are desired to Visit the Public Schools within this Town, Desiring Such Gentlemen to Accompany them in the said Visitation, as they shall think proper,

——— And that They Report to the Town what Condition they find them in.

The Petition of Mr. James Read and Others, Masters of the Fire Engines, Praying to be Exempted from serving the Town in Other Offices for the year ensuing, ——— Read. And

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted; And that they, with the other Persons belonging to their several Company's be, and hereby are Exempted from serving the Town in other Offices, for the ensuing Year.

Upon Reading several Petitions for Paving, Viz[t]

Orange Street
Wood Lane
Love Street
Green Lane, and
Beer Lane,

Voted, To Chuse a Committee, to take the several Petitions above mentioned, under their consideration, That they View the Places, Compute the Charge, and Report thereon as soon as may be.

[240.] Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired, as a Committee to take into Consideration the above Petitions, make an Estimate of the Charge, and report thereon Accordingly.

The Petition of Mr. Belcher Hancock, School Master at Rumny Marsh, Praying for an Addition to his Salary, for Reasons mentioned, Read, And the Question put, Viz[t].

Whether the Prayer of the Petitioner should be Granted?

Voted, in the Negative, and that the Petition be Accordingly Dismist.

Mr. Samuel Gibson's Petition for an Addition to his Salary, As Usher of the South Grammar School in this Town, for Reasons therein mentioned, Read,

Voted, That the Sum of Twenty five Pounds p Annum be, and hereby is Added to Mr. Samuel Gibson's Salary in Answer to his Petition,

Mess[rs]. Stephen Minot Jun[r]. - -	- - -	Pay
Abraham How - - - -	- - -	Pay
James Henshaw - - - -	- - -	Sworn
Josiah Torrey - - - -	- - -	Pay
John Blowers - - - -	Constables	Sworn
William Hickling - - -	- - -	Sworn
Edward Drinker - - - -	- - -	Sworn
Obadiah Cookson - - -	- - -	Pay
Jonathan Foster - - - -	- - -	Excus'd

Were Chosen Constables.

Mess[rs]. William Parkman	- - - - - - -	Excus'd
Moses Eayres -	- - - - - - -	Sworn
Francis Wardall	- - - - - - -	Sworn
Elijah Vinal - -	Clerks of the Market.	Sworn
Harrison Gray -		Pay
John Avery - -	- - - - - - -	Pay
Edward Brasier	- - - - - - -	Excus'd
Thomas Johnson	- - - - - - -	Pay

Were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till to Morrow at Nine O'Clock in the Morning.

[241.] Tuesday March, 15th.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment,

Messrs. Gamaliel Wallis - - -	Constables.	- - - - - Pay
Philip Audebert - - -		One of the Life Guard
Josias Byles Junr. - -		Sworn
Nathanael Holmes - -		Sworn
James Hawding - - -		- - - Paid in 17
Nathanael Hasey - - -		- - - - Sworn

Were Chosen Constables.

The Report of a Committee on the Affair of the North Battery Wharf Read, and is as follows. ———

According to the former Report, Were the North Battery Wharf in repair, as is therein set forth, We are Informed, there are Persons that will Give One Hundred Pounds p year, and upwards, and if there should be Occasion, will be ready to clear the wharf fit for the Service it used to be applied to,

JOHN WALKER
THOMAS LEE
JEFF BEDGOOD

Voted, That this Affair be Referr'd for futher Consideration, 'till the next General Town Meeting, that in the mean time, any of the Inhabitants may have Opportunity (if they see Cause) to Repair to the Select Men, and lay before them their Proposals, or Terms, On which they will Undertake to Repair, Or Lease the said Wharf, that the same may be Accordingly Reported at the said Meeting

The Petition of Samuel Adams Esquire, and sundry other Inhabitants, Abutters on Barton's Rope Walk, Read.

Voted, That the Consideration of this Petition be referr'd to the next General Town Meeting; And that in the mean time, the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to take the same into Consideration, Enquire into the Affair, And Report their Opinion, What may be proper for the Town to do thereon at the said Meeting.

[242.] A Memorial of Mr. Rowland Houghton, Containing some Proposals for Preventing the danger of Fire by Chimnies, Read.———

Voted, That the Consideration of the said Proposals be Referr'd to the next General Town Meeting——— That so in the mean time Any Person or Persons may Treat with the Select Men about the Terms, upon which they will undertake the same, Who are Desired to Receive such proposals (if any be offered) and to Report thereon, at the said Meeting.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, That a proper Engine might be Erected for the Weighing of Hay, brought to Market, Read, Debated, and thereupon.

Voted, That no Person whatsoever being an Inhabitant, or Resident within the Town of Boston, Presume to Buy any Hay brought to Market from and after the Tenth day of June, next ensuing, without weighing the same, Upon the Penalty of Twenty Shillings for every breach of this Order; And that a By-Law to enforce the same be prepared, and presented to the Court of General Sessions

of the Peace, next to be holden at Boston, for the County of Suffolk, for their Approbation.

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired to Receive such Proposals of Methods for Weighing of Hay, as shall or may be laid before them, and that they be Desired to Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting, if any be, Or at the next General Town Meeting.

According to Order, as Entred Yesterday, The Town proceeded to bring in their written Votes for County Treasurer, Which being Collected, were according to Law Sealed up by Constable John Clark, by him to be kept, and return'd unto the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk.

Voted, To Proceed to the Choice of Seven Assessors.

The Votes being Accordingly Collected and Sorted, it Appear'd, That,

[243.] Messrs. Daniel Loring, John Staniford, Richard Buckley, Peter Thomas, Joshua Blanchard, Andrew Eliot, and William Thomas — Assessors.

Were Chosen Assessors for the year ensuing.

According to Order, the Affair of Erecting a Work House came under Consideration, And after some Debate thereon,

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to View, and Report their Opinion of the most proper and convenient Place for Erecting a Work House ——— And also to prepare and lay before the Town, Upon an adjournment of this Meeting, intended the 29th instant, A Plan or Model of the same, for their Consideration.

Voted, That the Gentlemen, the Overseers of the Poor, together with the former Committee, appointed the 12th. March, 1734. be the Committee for the ends and purposes above mentioned.

Upon a Motion made and seconded by many, Viz^{t}. That the Town would by a Vote manifest their Approbation of the Proposals for Erecting a Work House, according to the Report of the Committee.

The Question was accordingly put, vizt. Whether the Town did Approve thereof ?

Voted, In the Affirmative, by a vast Majority.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to the Afternoon at Three O'Clock.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

Messrs. Joseph Kneeland - -	Constables - - - - - - -	Sworn
Thomas Pearson - -	Constables - -	Pay
Benjamin Bourn - -	Constables - -	
James Bradford - -	Constables - - - - - - -	Excus'd.

Were Chosen Constables.

[244.] Mr. Thomas Boucher, was Chosen a Clerk of the Market. And upon a motion made - - - - - - Excus'd.

Mr. Robert Breck was Chosen Clerk of the Market, in the room of Mr. Boucher, and Sworn.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the High Ways, for the Year ensuing.

Upon a Motion made, The following Question was put, Viz^t. Whether the Town would proceed to the Choice of Tything Men?

Voted, in the Negative.

Messrs. Samuel May - - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
Nathanael Hodgdon -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
John Allen - - - -	Sealers of Leather.	Sworn
Robert Williams - -		Sworn
William Young - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
James Dawson - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn

Were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Messrs. Caleb Ray - - - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
Thomas Foster		
John Peirce		
John Endicut	Fence-Viewers.	
Joseph Russell		
James Barnard - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
Joseph White		

Were Chosen Fence-Viewers.

Messrs. Edward Moberly - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
John Adams		
Matthew Barnard -	Survey^rs of Shingles &c.	Sworn
Edward Richards - -		Sworn
William Paine - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn
Joshua Thornton		

Were Chosen Surveyors and Measurers of Boards, Plank, Timber, and Shingles.

[245.] Messrs. Thomas Boucher
David Jeffries
Joshua Townsend
John Welch
John Taylor
Nathanael Thayer
Nathanael Gardner
Anthony Sigourney } Scavengers.
John Bennet
John Lambert
Richard Salter
Wigglesworth Sweetser
Josiah Carter
Joseph Webb
Benjamin Edwards

Were Chosen Scavengers, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That No Money be henceforward drawn out of the Town Treasury, for the Payment of any Scavenger or other Person for the Carting of Street Dirt, Provided the same be Carried forth out of this Town.

And upon a Motion made,

Voted, That the Select Men be and hereby are Impowered to

Treat with any Person or Persons Who may Offer Proposals for the Carrying away the Street Dirt, without Charge to the Town, And They are Desired to Report thereon, as soon as may be.

Messrs. Joseph Calef	Hogreves.	
Thornton Barret		
Ezekiel Carver - -	- - - - -	Sworn
Simon Howard - -	- - - - - - - -	Sworn

Mr. Richard-Carter Cowel, was Chosen Haward.

A Motion being made, That the Town would now proceed to the Consideration of what may be proper for them to do respecting the Three Tracts of Land, Granted by the Great and General Court, the 29th. December, 1735. to the town of Boston.

And after debate thereon.

[246.] Voted, That the Select Men be and hereby are Desired and Impowred to Receive the Proposals, that may be made by any Person or Persons, respecting either the Settling the said Townships, Or the Disposing of them; And that They Report thereon at the next General Town Meeting.

Messrs. Bartholomew Gedney	Constables.	
Robert Skinner - -		(Excus'd
Joseph Lewis - - -	- - - - - - -	Excus'd

Were Chosen Constables.

Messrs. Thomas Morris	Constables	
John Furney -	- - - - -	Excus'd
	- - - - -	Pay

Were Chosen Constables.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be allow'd and Paid to the Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esquire Town Treasurer, for his Service in that Office the year past.

The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esquire, was Chosen Town-Treasurer, for the Year Ensuing.

Capt. William Downe
Mr. James Allen
Mr. Thomas Green } Auditors.
Mr. Andrew Oliver and
Major Samuel Sewall

Were Chosen Auditors of the Town-Treasurer's Accounts the Year ensuing. Who are Desired to see that the Draughts made upon the Treasury, by the Select Men, and Overseers of the Poor, be agreeable to Law, and the Town Votes and Orders.

Capt. Daniel Pecker
Mr. William Rand } Collectors.
Mr. Nathanael Barber

Were Chosen Collectors of Rates and Taxes, within the Town of Boston, the Year ensuing.

Mr. Benjamin Whittmore, was Chosen Collector of Rates and Taxes within the District of Rumney Marsh the Year ensuing.

[247.] Messrs. Gershom Keyes -	- - - - -	Excus'd.
John Waldo - -	Constables - -	Sworn.
Jonathan Farnum	- - - . - -	Sworn.

Were Chosen Constables.

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Town would now proceed to Consider of some means, whereby the Inhabitants

might be better and more effectually provided with Wood, and some Debate had thereon,

Voted, To Chuse a Committee of Five Persons to Project some Method for the End aforesaid.

Voted, That, The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esquire
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire
Mr. Thomas Hubbard
Major Samuel Sewall, and
Capt. Daniel Henchman,
be the Committee, Who are Desired to Report to the Town thereon, as soon as conveniently they can.

Mr. Samuel Ridgaway, was Chosen Constable. Sworn.

Upon a Motion made and seconded,

Voted, To make an Addition to the Number of Surveyors of Shingles, Measurers of Boards, Timber &c. Accordingly,

Messrs. Joseph White } Surveyors of Shingles, &c. - - Sworn.
Joseph Skillin } - - Sworn.

Were Chosen Surveyors and Measurers of Boards, Shingles &c. in Addition to the number already Chosen.

Mr. Gammon Stevens, was Chosen one of the Clerks of the Market - - - - - - - - - Pay.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Tuesday the 29th. of March, Currant, At Three O'Clock in the Afternoon.

[248.] Tuesday, March, 29th. 1737.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment.

Messrs. William Greenleaf - } Clerks of Market. - - - - Pay
John Tucker - - - } - - - - Pay

Were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

According to Order of the Town the 15th. instant The Draft of a By-Law was presented for Consideration, relating to the Weighing of Hay, bro't to Market——Read, and after some Debate thereon.

Voted, That this Affair be further referr'd to the Consideration of the Select Men; Who are Desired to Report at the next General Town Meeting, what They think may be proper for the Town to do thereon.

The Honourable Samuel Welles Esqr. from the Committee Appointed to View, and Report their Opinion of the most proper and Convenient Place for Erecting a Work House, Presented their Report, As follows Viz^t.

The Committee to whom was referr'd the Consideration of a place and model for the Work House propos'd to be Erected in the Town of Boston, Report as follows, vizt.

1. That the most convenient Place as they Apprehend, is at the South Western End of the House of Correction, or Bridewel, To begin at the upper or North western Corner of Bridewel, and Extend Eastward by and Adjoyning to said Bridewel, the Shed on the South eastern side of it, and the South western Wall of the Burying Yard.

2. As to the Model of the House, the Committee Propose, That it be One Hundred and forty feet long, Twenty feet Wide, Sixteen feet high, from the lower Floor of the House to the upper

or Garret floor, To be Built of Brick, to be upon a line and face to the South West, the Chimnies all on the North Eastern or [249.] Backside, A Common Hall of Thirty two feet long, Five Other Rooms, All these below; Nine Chambers, the Roof pitch'd, Elevated Forty five degrees; A Cellar Eight feet deep under the whole, A Well, A Convenient Separate House for Washing, Brewing, and Baking; And a House of Office.

And to Accommodate the Work House, and make the Appearance or Prospect the better, The Committee also Propose, That the Granary be remov'd, if the Town shall Order it at a Meeting for that purpose warned, from it's present standing to the South eastern Corner of the Burying Place, The Front or Eastern Side of the Granary to be set on a line with the Eastern Wall of the Burying Yard, A Fence to be Carried from the Southeastern Corner of the Granary in the line of the Front of the Granary, South Westerly Twelve feet, then to turn upon right Angles North Westerly and go upon that Point till it intersect or meet a line or Fence upon right Angles to be drawn or Erected from the upper or North Western Corner of Bridewel aforesaid, this Spot of Land, being about Seventy Seven feet and an half wide, And three Hundred and Twenty Eight feet long, will be necessary for Yard Room and Other Accommodations for the Work House.

The Committee would also Inform the Town, That They have consulted able Work men and others as to the Cost of removing the Granary and Building a Cellar, And find it may be Effected for Two Hundred and Seventy two Pounds and the Use of the Cellar (which is to be built under the whole) for Sixteen Years.

In the Name and by Order of the Committee

SAMUEL WELLES.

Which being Read Three several Times,

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are desired to Issue forth their Warrants, for Convening the Freeholders [250.] And other Inhabitants, in Public Town Meeting, On Tuesday the Fifth of April next, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, In Order to take under Consideration the Removal of the Granary; And also, what may then be tho't proper for them to do towards the Erecting and Settling a Work House, According to the Report of the Committee, Now Read and Accepted.

Upon a Motion made respecting the Three Townships, as Entred the 15th. Currant,

Voted, That the Select Men be desired and impowered, Not only to receive the Proposals that may be made by Others; but also to draw up a Scheme of such Proposals as they shall think proper, Either, for bringing forward the Settlement of the said Townships, Or, the Disposing of them, As they shall Judge most Advantageous, And lay the same before the Town for their Consideration, at the next General Town-Meeting.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to Insert in the next Warrant for Calling a Town Meeting, The Choice or Appointment of a suitable Person to take the Care and Oversight of the Granary, in the Room of Mr. Jonathan Williams lately deceas'd.

Messrs. John Mortimer	Clerks of the Market - -	Sworn
Milam Alcock -		Sworn

Were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[251.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, On Tuesday, April, 5th. Anno Domini, 1737.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. Thomas Prince; The Warrants for Calling the Meeting were Read, and the Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator.

Voted, That the Honourable Elisha Cooke Esquire be the Moderator of this Meeting.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, to the Select Men relating to the Appropriating the Markets to some other Use, Read.

A Petition of Mary Green for Repair of Damages, by her Receiv'd, Read.

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned for One Quarter of an Hour, and then to Meet upon the lower Floor of the Town-House.

Where being Assembled,

A Motion was made and seconded, to proceed to the Choice of an Overseer of the Granary, in the Room of Mr. Jonathan Williams Deceased ——— And in Order thereto a Question was put, Viz^t. Whether the Town would make the Choice by Written Votes, or by a Hand Vote?

Voted, To Chuse an Overseer of the Granary by Written Votes.

Voted, That this Meeting be further Adjourned for the Space of Half an Hour, then to meet in the Reverend Mr. Checkley's Meeting House, on Church Green, Summer Street.

And, That all Charges arising for Repair of any damage which may happen to be done to the Seats or Pews in said Meeting House, by reason of the Towns Meeting there, be defrayed out of the Town Treasury.

[252.] The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment, at the Publick Meeting-House, on Church Green.

The Votes for an Overseer of the Granary being Collected and Sorted, it appeared, That the Number of Voters, were ——— 412. And That Mr. Francis Willoughby was Chosen by a majority of the Voters, Viz^t ——— 268 Votes.

Voted, That Mr. Francis Willoughby Chosen Over-Seer of the Granary, Give Security, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men, for his faithful Discharge of the said Trust, before he Enter upon his said Employment.

The Town proceeded to Consider what might be Proper for them to do, relating to the Removal of the Granary; And the Erecting, and Settling a Work House.

The Affair being accordingly Debated, the following Votes were previously drawn up, Read several times, and passed, Viz^t.

Whereas the Committee appointed the Fourteenth of March 1736, to Consider What might be proper for the Town to Do, with respect to Building a Work House &c. Have Reported, That it is

proper to have One Erected; Assigned a place therefor; And it being also Represented to the Town, That a Number of Gentlemen have Subscribed liberally for promoting this good Purpose. ——— Therefore

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted; And That a Work House be accordingly Erected, the Subscribers Paying their respective Subscriptions, into the Hands of a Committee to be Chosen and Appointed for Building the same.

And to Accommodate the Work House, and make the Appearance or Prospect the better,

Voted, That the Granary be removed from it's present Standing, to the Southeastern Corner of the Burying Place, Agreeable to the said Report.

[253.] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three O'Clock this Afternoon.

Afternoon the Town being Assembled.

The Petition of Mary Green, ——— Read,
And inasmuch as the subject Matter thereof does not lye before the Town.

Voted, That the Petition be Dismiss'd.

It being Moved, That the Town would proceed to the Choice of a Committee for Building the Work House, it was accordingly.

Voted, That the Number of the Committee be Seven.

Voted, That the said Committee be Chosen by a Hand-Vote.

Voted, That,

The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esquire
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esquire
Capt. Daniel Henchman
Major Samuel Sewall
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire
Mr. Andrew Oliver, and
James Bowdoin Esquire

be a Committee for the Ends and purposes aforesaid.

The Select Men to whom was Referr'd the Consideration of the Affair relating to Weighing of Hay, Presented their Report,
As follows, Viz^t.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town as above, We the Subscribers, having Considered the Affair referr'd to Us, Report thereon, as follows, Viz^t.

That as soon as conveniently may be, there be Erected, within and near the Fortification, An Engine, Suitable for the Weighing of Hay; And We think it most just and equal that the Cost and Charge thereof [254.] Be born by a Subscription from such Persons as are principally concern'd in buying of Hay, and Others who shall voluntarily Subscribe for the same.

That from and after the day of
(Provided the said Engine be then Erected) All Carts and other Carriages of Hay, as they come into Town, shall be weighed, and a Tally with the weight of the Cart and Hay be then fix'd upon it, and that the Cart or Carriage upon its Return be Tared, and the weight thereof marked on it.

That a suitable Person be Appointed by the Town, to take Care

that the said Engine be kept in good Repair, and to see the Weight of all Hay thus brought to Market, and to Tally the same, and mark the Carriages on their Return, as aforesaid.

That there be allow'd to the said Person for every load of Hay so weigh'd to be paid by the Person who buys the same ——— Or in Case of his absence at the Time of Weighing, then to be paid by the Importer, Who shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.

That, after the said day of and the Erecting the said Engine, If any Person or Persons whatsoever belonging to the Town of Boston, shall Buy any Hay thus brought to Market, without the same be first Weigh'd, as above, He or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings for every Load or Parcel so bought.

All which is Humbly Submitted ——— &c.

	JONATHAN ARMITAGE	
	ALEXANDER FORSYTH	
Apr. 1, 1737	CALEB LYMAN	Select Men.
	JONAS CLARKE	
	THOMAS HUTCHINSON Junr.	

Which Report being Read ———

[255.] Voted, That the Consideration of this Affair be referr'd to the next General Town Meeting in May; That so the Inhabitants, in the mean time, if they see cause, may repair to the Select Men, and make known to them, their Proposals for undertaking the Erecting such an Engine Agreeable to the Report of the Select Men.

The Select Men Presented their Report relating to the Three Townships, As follows, Viz^{t}.

> We the Subscribers being Desired to draw up some Proposals, either for the bringing forward the Settlement of the Three Tracts of Land, lately Granted by the Great and General Court, to the Town of Boston, Or for Disposing of the same, Having maturely Considered the Affair, Are Humbly Of Opinion, ———

That, there are but Two Ways (considering the present Circumstances of the Town) Whereby the said Grant may be Improved to advantage,

First, By Granting a Part of the said Lands to any suitable and sufficient Person, or Number of Persons, Who shall Oblige themselves under such Penalty, and in such Manner as shall be agreed on, to bring forward the Settlement of the same, within the Time limited by the General Court, and agreeable to the conditions of their said Grant to the Town ——— The Residue of the said Lands to continue and remain to be hereafter disposed of by the Town, at such Time and in such Manner, as they shall Determine.

Or,

Secondly, By Sale of the said Grant, to such Person or Persons as shall bid the highest Price for the same; And which We Humbly Apprehend (under our present Circumstances) will be found most Advantageous to the Town. ———

[256.] And the better to accomplish the same, We think it convenient, That a Committee be Chosen and Impowered, to

Treat with Such Persons as may Appear, either to Settle, or Purchase the said Grant; And that it be Publickly Advertised in the News Papers, or otherwise, As the Town shall judge best.——

All which is Submitted &c.

	JONATHAN ARMITAGE	
	ALEXANDER FORSYTH	
Apr. 1, 1737.	CALEB LYMAN	Select Men.
	JONAS CLARKE	
	THOMAS HUTCHINSON Junr.	

Which Report was Read, Debated and thereupon,

Voted, That this Affair be Referr'd to the Select Men, Who are Desired, According to their Report, to Advertise the same in the Public News Papers; And that they receive, and make Proposals, Either for the Settling, or Sale of the said Tracts of Land, And Report thereon at the General Town Meeting in May next.

According to Order, The Town came into the Consideration of the Desire of Sundry Inhabitants, that the Markets may be Appropriated to some other Use ——— And the Petition presented to the Select Men refering to the same, Read ——— And a Debate ensuing,

The following Question was put, and to be Decided by A Hand Vote, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether it be the mind of the Town That the Consideration of this Affair be referr'd to A General Town Meeting to be Call'd in May next?

Voted, in the Negative.

[**257.**] Upon a Motion thereupon made and seconded The following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether the present Markets at the South and North End of the Town, shall be Appropriated to some other Use?

Voted, in the Affirmative.

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to take under Consideration, What Other Uses the said Market places may be put to, so as may best serve the Interest of the Town, And to Report thereon, at the General Town Meeting in May next.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid; Who are desired and impowered to Consider the said Affair, And Report thereon accordingly. ———

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, Assembled in Public Town Meeting at the Town-House, Upon Tuesday the 3^{d} May, Anno Domini, 1737.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. John Webb, The Warrants for Calling the Meeting were Read ——— Then

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. Moderator of the Select-Men, On their behalf and in their name, inform'd the Town (as usual) That the Laws of this Province Ordain, That the Select Men of each Town respectively, or the major part of them be present at the Meeting for Choice of Representatives, to give Direction for the regular and orderly carrying on of the same ———

Yet since there are Other Affairs to be Transacted afterwards which will require the Choice of a Moderator; If the Town shall think it best to Chuse One now, for that End, the Select Men Consent to it, Always Reserving to themselves, According to Law, the Right of [258.] Moderating, until the Election of Representatives, as aforesaid be ended——— Accordingly.

The following Question was put, Viz^t Whether the Town would Now proceed to the choice of a Moderator for the Regulation of the Meeting after the Choice of Representatives?

Voted In the Affirmative. And,

The Votes for a Moderator being Collected, It Appear'd,

That the Honourable Elisha Cooke Esqr was Chosen Unanimously.

The Sheriff's Precept, - - - - - - - - - Read.
Sundrys Laws - - - - - - - - - - - - Read.

Upon a Motion made It was proposed to the Town to proceed to the Choice of Representatives. And accordingly,

Voted To proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be - 240

The Votes being Sorted, It Appeared the Three following Gentlemen, were Chosen, Viz^t.

	No. of Votes.
The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esquire - - - - -	216
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. - - - - - - -	219
Mr. Timothy Prout - - - - - - - - - -	127

The Town then proceeded to bring in their Votes for One Representative, Which being Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 221

And being sorted, It Appeared, there was no Choice made.

Upon a Motion made, the following Question was put Viz^t Whether the Town would immediately proceed to the Choice of One Representative.———

Voted, In the Affirmative

[259.] The Votes being Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 179.

And being Sorted It Appear'd the following Gentleman was Chosen, Viz^t

votes.
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr. - - - - - - - - - - - 134.

The Choice of the Representatives being at an End, the Select Men declared the same, And the Moderator Assumed His Place.

Petitions and Motions, Viz^t.

The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esqr. from the Committee for Erecting the Work House, made a Motion respecting the Placing the Granary, and the Foundation of the Work House. &c.

The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esqr. also Propos'd to the Town to Consider of some Means for the better Improvement of the broken Marsh near Fox-hill.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. made a Motion respecting the Lease of Winnisimet Ferry.

Mr. Peleg Wiswall's Petition, for Raising his Salary - Read
Mr. Zech. Hicks's Petition, for Raising his Salary - - Read.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for reviving the Merchants Watch - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for laying a Drain from the South Burying Place, to Winter Street - - - - - Read.

Mr. William Torrey made a Motion, to Consider of some Effectual Means to prevent frauds in Cording Wood.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Four O'Clock, in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

A Petition of the Hon. John Osborne Esqr. James Bowdoin Esqr and others, Praying the Town would please to revive their former Vote for an Allowance of Fifty Pounds p Annum, towards the Support and Maintenance of the Merchants Watch (so call'd) Upon the Town Dock for such time as the Merchants shall continue to bear the remaining part of the Charge, Or Until the Town shall see Cause Otherwise to Order and Direct: The said Watch to be under the Direction, [260.] And Regulation of the Select Men for the Time being, as the Law directs, For Reasons in the said Petition mentioned, Read———

After some Debate thereon, The Question was put, Viz^t. Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners should be Granted?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Upon the Motion made in the Morning, respecting the Foundation and Wall of the Work House, and Debate thereon; Several Workmen present, were Desired to View and Consider the Circumstances of the Place designed, And to Report thereon this Afternoon.

Who accordingly having view'd the Place and consider'd the Circumstances thereof, Informed the Town, That according to their Judgment, the Wall of the Work House might be built close to the Brick Wall of the Burying place, without any inconvenience, And that the Cellar under the same may be made Secure from Stench &c, without any considerable Charge.

Some Debate arising respecting the Eves dropings of the Work House to be Erected———

Voted, That the Committee for Erecting the Work House be, and hereby are Desired to Consider of this Affair, and Report to the Town tomorrow, What they shall think best for the Town to do, as to placing the foundation and wall of the Work House, so as to accommodate the said Building, and preserve Peace.

Upon a Motion made with respect to placing the Granary.

Voted, That the Granary be fixed and set at the distance of Twelve feet from the Wall of the Burying place.

Voted, That Five feet be added to the Work House, in length, for the better Accommodation of the same, with convenient Entrys and Staires.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for a Drain to [261.] Be Laid from the Tombs in the South Burying place into the Common Shore, which runs thro' Winter Street and Summer Street to the Bull Wharf so called, for Reasons therein mentioned, Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be and hereby are desired to take

the said Petition under Consideration, Enquire into the Circumstances of that Affair, And Report to the Town at their Next Meeting, What they think proper to be done thereon.

A Petition of Mr. Peleg Wiswall, Master of the North Grammar School, Praying for an Addition to be made to his Salary, for Reasons therein mentioned, Read

Voted, That the Prayer of this Petition be Granted, And that the Sum of Eighty Pounds p Annum be and hereby is added to the Salary of Mr. Peleg Wiswall, for his further Encouragement, and Support in the said Employment ——— The same to Commence from the Time of his last Quarterly payment, Viz^t. the 25th. of February past.

The Petition of Daniel Pecker, Nathanael Barber, and William Rand, Collectors of the Taxes &c. for the Year 1736 Praying that the Assessors of the Town may be allow'd to set upon Abatements, until the last Day of August next —— for Reasons mentioned ——— Read ———

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted. ———

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, at Nine O'Clock.

Wednesday, May, 4th.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment.

The Select Men, having taken a List of the Names of the Inhabitants, liable by Law, and qualified to serve on the Petit Jury, laid the same before the Town for Approbation; Agreable to a Law of this Province in that Case made and provided ——— The said List being distinctly Read over, was Approved accordingly.

[262.] The Committee for Erecting the Work House, having, according to the Desire of the Town, as Entred Yesterday, View'd the place and consider'd the affair referr'd to them,

Reported, That in their Opinion it will be best that the Wall of the said Work House be set Two feet, at the least, Off, from the Wall of the Burying Place.

Voted, That the Wall of the Work House be accordingly set at the distance of Two feet, at the least from the Wall of the Burying Place; Agreeable to the Report of the Committee.

Upon the Motion made at the Beginning of the Meeting, by the Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. relating to the Lease of Winnisimet Ferry, which expired the first of March last, before the letting the same on a New Lease had been Advertised according to Order, Praying the Town would give direction in the Affair ———

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired and Impowered to let the said Ferry continue in the hands of the last Lessees for the Year current, if they see cause; And that they proceed to Lease out the same for a Term of Years, giving Public Notice thereof, According to the Vote and Order of the Town at their Annual Meeting the 12th. of March, 1732.

Upon a Motion made and seconded by many, the following Question was propos'd, Viz^t.

Whether it should be left to the Committee for Building the Work House, according to their Discretion to make some small

Alterations, with respect to making of Stairs, Closets or Windows, so as may to them seem necessary, or convenient for the accommodation of the said Building?

Voted In the Affirmative. ———

The Report of the Select Men, on the Petition of Samuel Adams Esqr. and Others, relating to Bartons Rope Walk, Presented, and Read ——— Viz^t.

[263.] Pursuant to a Vote of the Town as above, We the Subscribers have Attended the Service Desired of Us; Consider'd the Prayer of the Petitioners; View'd the Place, and Enquired into the Circumstances of it; And are Humbly of Opinion, It is not Necessary for the Town to act any thing thereon, And therefore that the Petition be Dismist.

All which is Humbly Submitted, &c.

April, 28. 1737.

JOHN JEFFRIES
JONATHAN ARMITAGE
ALEXANDER FORSYTH
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
THOMAS HUTCHINSON JUN.
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted, and that the Petition be accordingly dismist.

The Reports of the Select Men on the several Petitions for Paving, were Read, and are as follows Viz^t.

Pursuant to the Vote and Desire of the Town, at their Annual Meeting the 14th. of March, last———

We the Subscribers have Attended the Service Desired of us; Taken the Petitions for Paving referr'd to, under Consideration; View'd and Measured the several Streets; Computed the Charge of Paving them; and Report thereon, as follows, ———

First, On the Petition for Paving Wood Lane, &c. ———

Having View'd and Measured the said Lane, We find it measures about 395 Yards, the Paving whereof will cost, £73 ^11^ 16 ^11^ 3. And We humbly Apprehend, It may be Adviseable that the said Lane be Paved anew, The Town bearing One Third part of the Charge, Provided the Abutters be at the Cost and Charge of the Remaining Two Thirds, and keep the same in repair from time to time: And further It is our Opinion That the Petitioners have Liberty at their own Charge to Build an Open Wharf a Cross the Town Slip, to lye Open for the Use of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, about Eighty or an Hundred feet below the High Way, As the Town shall direct.

[264.] Secondly, On the Petition for Paving Beer Lane.

Having View'd the Said Lane, &c. We find it Measures about 504 Yards, and that the Cost of Paving the same will amount to upwards of £100. And Whereas We find the said Lane lyes upon a good Descent, and that the Passing therein is more Commodious than many other of the Town ——— We are therefore of Opinion, it may not be adviseable for the Town to be at Charges in Paving the same, for the present. ———

Thirdly, On the Petition for Paving Love Street.

Having View'd the said Street &c. We find it Measures about

630 Yards, And that the Cost of Paving the same will amount to upwards of £149. But, inasmuch as the said Lane is little Improved in Comparison with others in the Town, ——— We are Of Opinion the Paving thereof may be deferr'd for the present. ———

Fourthly, On the Petition for Paving Green Lane.

Having View'd the said Lane, &c. We find it Measures about 2600 Yards, the Paving whereof will cost at the least £650. And Whereas, it does not Appear to us, that the Abutters thereon have fully determined to Pave their Respective parts or proportion thereof; And the Boundarys of the Land of some of the said Abutters, rendering the said Street or Lane irregular ——— We are of Opinion, That in Consideration of the Premisses, together with the heavy Charge it will be to the Inhabitants, It may be adviseable to defer the Pavement of the said Lane for the present.

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Fifthly, On the Petition for Paving part of Orange Street.

Having taken the said Petition under Consideration, [**265.**] View'd the Said Street, and finding the Southerly half thereof to be very much out of Repair; We are of Opinion, It may be Adviseable for the Town to Expend Three
viseable for the Town to Expend Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds in Paving the same: Which Sum, We find by Computation, will pay the Towns part of Paving, 1600 Yards thereof —— Upon this Condition, That some sufficient Person or Persons shall Appear to Engage for and in behalf of the Proprietors and Abutters on the said Street, bearing their proportionable part of Paving the same.

All which is Humbly Submitted, &c. —

April, 29, 1737.	JOHN JEFFRIES JONATHAN ARMITAGE ALEXANDER FORSYTH CALEB LYMAN JONAS CLARKE THOMAS HUTCHINSON Junr.	Select Men.

The Reports above, being severally Read and Considered, The Town proceeded to pass upon Each of them respectively as follows, Vizt.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men upon the Petition for Paving Wood Lane, &c. be Accepted.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men upon the Petition for Paving Beer Lane, be Accepted.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men upon the Petition for Paving Love Street, be Accepted.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men upon the Petition for Paving Green Lane, be not Accepted. And,

Upon a Motion made by Capt. James Gooch junr. as follows Vizt. That he the said Gooch would Engage on behalf of the Abutters and Proprietors of Land in said Lane, to Advance and Pay the whole Sum, which the said Paving shall amount unto; Upon Condition That the Town Repay to the Undertakers, within Three Years [**266.**] Their proportionable part thereof.

In Consideration of the foregoing Proposal —

Voted, That Green Lane be accordingly Paved, The Abutters and Proprietors of Land in said Lane Advanceing the Money, and defraying the whole Charge thereof, for the Present; And that the Town Repay their proportionable part of said Charge, within Three Years next after the Work shall be compleated; Viz^t. One Third part thereof, in the Year 1738; One Third more, in the Year 1739; and the remaining Third part, in the Year 1740. Upon this further Condition also, That the said Street or Lane be first reduced & put into a regular form, And upon no other Conditions whatsoever.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men, upon the Petition for Paving Orange Street, be Accepted. And that the said Street be Paved agreeable to the said Report —— Upon this Condition Nevertheless —— That the original Grantees of the Beech, Flats and Meadow Ground On Each side of said Street, Or their Successors the present Owners or Proprietors thereof, Do well and faithfully Secure the said High Way from being Damnified by the Tides, continuing the same of the full breadth of Forty Eight feet, And Perform all and singular their Engagements Mentioned in their Grant, As the same is Entred in the Records of Boston, March the 8th. 1707/8. Lib. 2. Fol. 291. And that the Other Proprietors or Abutters on said Street bear their proportionable part of the Charge of Paving the same, according to Custom.

A petition of Mr. Zachariah Hicks, Usher of the North Writing School; Praying for some Addition to his Salary, for Reasons mentioned —— Read,

Voted, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds p Annum be, and hereby is Added to the Salary of Mr. Zachariah Hicks, for his further Encouragement, and Suport in the Said Employment, —— The same to Commence from the Time of his next Quarterly Payment, Viz^t. the 28th. of May Currant.

[**267.**] Upon Information and Complaint of frequent and Notorious Abuses in the Measure and Sale of Cord Wood within this Town, In Consideration thereof,

Voted, That it be recommended to the Select Men, Who are hereby Earnestly Desired to take Effectual Care to prevent such Abuses for the future, by endeavouring that the Laws already in that Case provided be duly put in execution.

The Report of the Select Men to whom was referr'd the Consideration of the Desire of sundry Inhabitants, That the Markets might be Appropriated to some other uses —— As Entred the 5th. April last past, Read, As follows, Viz^t.

Pursuant to the Vote and Desire of the Town, as above, We the Subscribers have attended that Service, And Accordingly Report, as follows, ——

First, as to the South Market ——

That Whereas Improving the said Market by turning it into Shops, may be most for the Interest of the Town, We are of Opinion It may be Adviseable for the Town to let it out, during the Time of their Lease therein, to such Person or Persons as may Appear to Hire it for that End. ——

Secondly, As to the North Market ——

We Apprehend it can't conveniently be Improved to any other use, in the Place where it now stands, than by turning it into Shops; But Inasmuch as that would greatly incommode, and might prove, on several Accounts Inconvenient, Not only to the Neighbourhood, but also to One of the Public Meeting Houses for the Worship of God, which stands very near to it, We can't think it adviseable to do it but rather, that the said Building be Removed to some more convenient Place, and Converted to such Other Use as the Town shall think fit.

All which is Humbly Submitted &c.

Apr. 29. 1737. JOHN JEFFRIES, CALEB LYMAN, JONATHAN ARMITAGE, JONAS CLARKE, ALEXANDER FORSYTH, THOMAS HUTCHINSON Junr. } Select Men.

[268.] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till Three O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

The Report of the Select Men, On the Petition for Appropriating the Markets to some Other Uses ——

Read again —— And,

Upon the Desire of Mr. John Staniford, that the By-Law respecting setting up the Markets might be read, it was accordingly done —— Whereupon the said Staniford proceeded to cast very indecent Reflections upon the Select Men, (as he had also done in the Forenoon) On Account of their Report, As Agreeing with the Mob, who had pull'd down the Market on the Dock ——— For which he was Reprimanded by the Moderator ——— But continuing His Reproachful Speeches, not only against the Select Men, but the Town in general; The Moderator again Commanded him to keep silence as to that matter, and not to hinder the Public Business, Or he would punish him for his Offence as the Law directs, withal telling him that his Reflections were very injurious and abusive —— The said Staniford told the Moderator That he only was of that Opinion, and insisted upon it, that what he had said was true, and it was his Right to speak, the Town having not Ordered otherwise.

Upon which the Moderator propos'd as follows,

You, that are of the mind that Mr. Staniford has several times very indecently and injuriously Reflected on the Select Men, and not only on them, but on the whole Town, And Therefore, that the Moderator Command him to keep Silence, and say no more of that matter, And upon his refusal the Law be put in Execution against him, And he be sent out of the Meeting by the Hands of a Constable,

Be pleas'd to manifest it.

Voted in the Affirmative.

The Negative being put also —— No hand was observ'd to be held up, but by Mr. Staniford only.

Afterward the Moderator proceeded Upon the Report of the Select Men, which being Considered,

[269.] Voted, That the Report of the Select Men respecting the South Market, be so far Accepted, As, that the said Select

Men be and hereby are Impowred to Transact such Agreement as they have propos'd; Or that they be and hereby are Impowred to Agree with any Person or Persons, who shall or may Appear to Purchase the said South Market, in the best way and manner they can, for ye advantage and Interest of the Town. —— And

On the Other part of the said Select Mens Report, respecting the North Market ——

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired and Impowred to take down the North Market House —— And that the Materials thereof be removed to be Erected for the Accommodation of the Work House.

The Honourable Elisha Cooke Esquire from the Committee Appointed the 15 March last, to project some Method for the better and more effectual providing the Town with Wood, Presented their Report, Which being Read,

Voted, That the said Committee be and hereby are Desired to take that Affair under further Consideration, until the next General Town Meeting, And that they Report thereon then, or as soon as conveniently they can.

A Proposal in Writing made and presented to the Select Men for the Purchase of One of the Tracts of Land lately Granted by the Great and General Court to the Town of Boston, Signed by William Moore, and Three others, in behalf of themselves and Forty or Fifty others their Associates, Read ——

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired and Impowered to Dispose of the Three Tracts of Land lately Granted to the Town of Boston, by Public Auction upon Thursday the 30th. of June next Giving Public Notice in the News Papers, of the Time, Place, and Conditions of the Said Sale.

Mr. John Checkley, in behalf of himself and Mr. Gershom Keyes Prays the Town would please to take under Consideration, their great Labour, and expence of Time in Surveying and Platting three Tracts of [**270.**] Land Granted by the Great and General Court to the Town of Boston, And that they would make them such Allowance therefor, as to their Wisdom and Goodness shall seem Meet.

Voted, That the Sum of Sixty Pounds be Allow'd and Paid, to Mr. John Checkley, in full for his Time and Trouble in Surveying the Three Townships as above mentioned.

Voted, That the Sum of Forty Pounds be Allow'd and Paid, to Mr. Gershom Keyes, in full for his Time and Trouble in Surveying the Three Townships as above mentioned.

Mr. John Checkley Informing, That in a Payment made him by Mr. Treasurer Wadsworth, He Receiv'd a Bill of Five Pounds which proves to be Counterfeit —— and Praying the Town would Relieve him therein —— in such way and manner as to them shall seem meet, The Town Treasurer also Affirming That according to the best of his Knowlege he receiv'd the said Counterfeit Bill of One of the Collectors on the Town's Account.

Voted, That the Sum of Five Pounds be allow'd and paid out of the Town Treasury to Mr. John Checkley, in full, for the said Counterfeit Five pound Bill, paid him as above.

Voted, A Grant of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, To be Raised by a Tax upon Polls and Estates within the Town of Boston, for Relief of the Poor, and defraying other necessary Charges arising within and for the said Town the Year ensuing.

Upon a Motion made and seconded, —

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men on the Petitions of sundry Inhabitants for Paving Wood Lane &c. be Reconsidered so far as relates to the building an Open Wharf Across the Towns Slip at the lower End of the said Lane.

[**271.**] Voted, That the Consideration of the said Report so far as it respects the building an Open Wharf A cross the Towns Slip at the lower end of Wood Lane, be continued over to the next General Town Meeting.

Upon a Motion made by the Hon. Elisha Cooke Esquire, at the beginning of this Meeting, That the Town would Consider of some Means for the better security and Improvement of the broken Marsh near Fox Hill.

Voted, That Capt. Nathanael Cunningham,
Mr. James Allen, and
Mr. Robert Rand,
Who were a Committee formerly chosen and appointed on this Affair be, and hereby are Desired to take this motion under Consideration And Report to the Town at their next General Meeting, What they think may be best for them to do for the security and better Improvement of the said Marsh.

Then the Meeting was dismist.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, Upon Saturday June, 11th. 1737.

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting being Read ——

The Hon. Elisha Cooke Esquire was Chosen Moderator.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants respecting Paving part of Orange Street. . . . . Read.

Mr. Joseph Marion addressed the Moderator, to this Effect; That, He had no Objection to make to the Regularity of the Towns being thus Assembled —— But that it was his Opinion the Meeting was not well Timed, for such Reasons as he then Mentioned; And therefore Pray'd the Meeting might be Adjourned to another Day.

[**272.**] Which Motion being Seconded, tho' for other Reasons then also mentioned, It was Accordingly.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday Next, the 13th. of June current, At Eight O'Clock in the Morning.

Monday, June 13th. 1737.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, Read, Praying the Town to Reconsider a Vote pass'd by them at their Meeting the 4th. of May last, for Paving part of Orange Street, So far only, as respects the Conditions As they are Entred, Fol. 266. And that they would

Please to Order the said Pavement to be made, upon such other Conditions as might more Cheerfully be comply'd withal.

Upon which a Debate ensu'd, And the Question being put, Viz^{t}.

Whether the Prayer of the Petition Should be Granted?

Voted, In the negative.

The Town then proceeded to take under Consideration Their Vote pass'd the Fourth of May last, relating to the Sale of the Three Tracts of Land, which were lately Granted by the Great and General Court, to the Town of Boston: And After long Debate thereon,

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired, At the Opening of the said Sale, the 30th. instant, to Declare Publickly, That Neither They, nor any or either of them, Nor any other Person whatsoever, are Authorised or Impowered by the Town of Boston to Bid any Sum or Sums of Money for the Said Tracts of Land then to be sold: But if any of them do or shall Bid, it will be on their Acco^{ts}. in their Private Capacity, and not otherwise.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**273.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Boston, duly qualified, and lawfully warned, Assembled in Public Town Meeting, at the Town House, upon Wednesday, Sept. 21st. 1737.

Prayer being made by the Rev. Mr. William Cooper,

A Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable John Quincy Esquire, Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives, Directed to the Select Men, Requiring them to Assemble the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, to Elect and Depute (if they see cause) A Person to serve for and Represent them in the present Great and General Court or Assembly, In the Room of the Honourable Elisha Cooke Esquire, Deceased; Together with the Warrants for Calling the Meeting. — Read

The Laws respecting the Power of the Select Men, to Give Directions for the Regular and Orderly Carrying on the Meetings for the Choice of Representatives, —— Read.

Whereas there are several Affairs to be brought under Consideration at this Meeting which will require the Presence of a Moderator, Upon a Motion made and Seconded, The following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Quest. Whether the Town would now proceed to the Choice of a Moderator for the Regulation of the Meeting, after the Election of a Representative shall be Ended?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

The Votes for a Moderator being accordingly Collected It Appeared, That the Honourable Edward Hutchinson Esquire was Chosen, by a great Majority. ——

Upon a Motion made, The following Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would proceed to Elect and Depute, A Person to serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly, in the Room of the Hon. Elisha Cooke Esqr. Deceased?

Voted, in the Affirmative.

[274.] The Votes for One Representative being Accordingly Collected the Number of Voters were found to be Three Hundred and Sixty; And upon Sorting the Votes it appeared there was no choice made.

Then the Inhabitants proceeded a second time to bring in their Votes for One Representative; Which being Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be Three Hundred and Fifty Eight: And the Votes being Sorted, it appear'd, That Mr. John Wheelwright was Chosen by the Major part of said Electors; Viz. One Hundred and Ninety Votes.

Which Election being Declared by the Select Men,

The Moderator Assum'd his Place, and the Town proceeded to the other Business before them.

Petitions and Motions. Viz^{t}.

Petition of sundry Inhabitants, directed to the Select Men, respecting the Charge of this Town in Pay of the Representatives . . . . . Read.

Proposals of Nathanael Wardal Junr. for Erecting an Engine for Weighing of Hay . . . . . Read.

Petition of Samuel Kneeland . . . . . Read.

Petition of Solomon Kneeland . . . . . Read.

Select Mens Report of the Sale of the Three Townships . . . . . Read.

Mr. Jacob Parker made a Motion for Liberty to Dig some Sand at Fox hill, for the Towns service in Building the Work House.

Mr. Jonathan Williams made a Motion for a Consideration, respecting some Counterfeit Bills which were taken by his late Father, for Meal in the Granary, on the Town's Account.

Col^{o}. Edward Hutchinson One of the Committee to project a Method for providing the Town with Wood, Inform'd, That they were not prepared to Report on that Affair.

[275.] A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants respecting the Charge of this Town, in the Pay of the Representatives . . Read. and after some Debate thereon ——

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Draw up An Address to the Great and General Court, for Relief, respecting, the extraordinary Charge of the Town of Boston (in Comparison with the Other Towns of the Province) in the Pay of the Members of the Honourable House of Representatives.

Voted That the Number of this Committee be Five.

Voted, That John Read Esquire
Major Samuel Sewall
Mr. Hugh Vans
Capt. Nathanael Cunningham and
Samuel Watts Esquire ——
be a Committee for Ends aforesaid, Who are Desired to prepare the same and lay it before the Town for their Consideration, at the intended Adjournment of this Meeting.

Whereas the Committee appointed the 15th. of March last past, to View, and Report their Opinion of the most proper and convenient Place for Erecting a Workhouse, in their Report thereon

made to the Town, and Accepted —— Did propose the Removing the Granary from the Place where it then stood, to the South Eastern Corner of the Burying place, and reported the Opinion of Able Workmen (with whom they consulted) as to the Cost of Removing it, and of Building A Cellar under the same As by the said Report on Record may Appear —— At the same time the Honourable Samuel Welles Esquire Informed the Town that Mr. Thomas Hubbard was willing to undertake the same upon the Condition Mentioned in said Report —— Who being present at that time, also signified his Acceptance thereof according to the Terms proposed —— Yet Notwithstanding, there was no Vote then passed Impowering the Select Men to Execute Instruments for Leasing the said Cellar to him, As the Circumstances of the Case did require,

Wherefore,

[**276.**] Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are directed and Impowered to Execute a Lease of the said Cellar to Mr. Thomas Hubbard for the Space and Term of Sixteen Years —— According to former Agreement made with the said Hubbard by the Gentlemen the Committee aforesaid —— Any former Votes or Orders respecting the Power of the Select Men in Leasing out the Towns Lands, &c. Notwithstanding.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. Jacob Parker at the Opening of this Meeting, and now Seconded by many,

Voted, That the Committee for Erecting the Workhouse be and hereby are permitted to carry away from Fox hill Thirty Loads of Sand, and no more, to be Improved in Building the said Workhouse.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Fryday next the 23d. Currant, at Three O'Clock, After Noon.

Fryday, Sept. 23. The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment. ——

Mr. Nathanael Wardell's Proposals for Erecting An Engine for Weighing of Hay, Read, As follows Viz^{t}.

To the Gentlemen the Select Men of Boston ——

The Representation and Proposal of Nathanael Wardell Junr.

Humbly Sheweth.

That the Subscriber has Obtain'd of several Gentlemen, An Encouraging Subscription towards Defraying the Charge of Erecting an Engine for the Weighing of Hay; Agreeable to Your Report to the Town at a Public Meeting the Fifth of April last past; And accordingly,

Proposes for Consideration, as follows, Viz^{t}.

That he is ready and Willing to Undertake the Erecting with all possible Speed, within and near the Fortification, [**277.**] An Engine for the Weighing of Hay, brought into this Town to Market, without any Charge to the Town; And to attend constantly on that Service, And to give Such Security As shall be required, for his faithful Performance of that trust.

Provided, a By-Law may be made and confirmed, Whereby to Oblige all Persons whatsoever belonging to this Town, When they shall Buy Hay Brought to Market in Carts or other Land Carriages,

to Cause the same to be Weigh'd at the said Engine, And the Buyer to Pay therefor, after the rate of Four pence p Hundred weight, And that the Profits and Perquisites of the said Engine be Granted to him for the Term of Seven Years next coming, after the same shall be so Erected and fitted for use.

All which is Humbly Submitted by,

Gentlemen,

Yo^r. most Humble Servant ——

Boston, Sept. 14. 1737. Nathaniel Wardell Jun^R.

The foregoing Proposals being Consider'd ——

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to take Mr. Wardell's Proposals under Consideration, That they prepare the Draft of a By-Law relating to Weighing of Hay brought to Market in Carts, or other Land Carriages, and lay the same before the Town at their next General Town-Meeting for their Consideration, and further Acting thereon. ——

John Read Esquire from the Committee Appointed the Twenty first Currant to Draw up an address to the Great and General Court, for Relief, respecting the extraordinary Charge of the Town of Boston, in the Pay of the Members of the Honourable House of Representatives, Reported, That They had Drafted An Address to the General Court According to the Direction of the Town —— Which He Read in his place, and then Presented it to the Moderator Which being Read again with Amendments ——

Voted, That the same be Accepted. And is as follows, Viz^t.

Province of the Massachusetts

Bay, 12th. October, 1737.

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esquire [278.] Captain General and Governour in Chief, the Honourable the Council, and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled.

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston. —

Whereas there is an Order made in the Great and General Court on the Nineteenth of August last for just and good reasons to raise the Allowances of the Members of the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives to be paid out of the Public Treasury: to which there is a clause added, that the Bills so paid out of the Treasury Shall be drawn in again with the other Provincial Debts by Taxes.

Now therefore We most Humbly Pray this last Clause may be alter'd So as plainly to oblige every Town to pay their respective Representatives what shall become due to them by that Act.

And for Reasons, We would Humbly Suggest,

That Otherwise As this Town Now stands charged with One Hundred and Eighty Pounds of every Thousand of the Tax laid upon One Hundred and Forty seven Towns of this Province, and may send but Four Representatives to the General Court where the rest of the Towns may send One and the most of them Two, We shall be Obliged to pay not only Our own Representatives but all the Representatives of two or three Countys besides. Now Whether this be Equitable or not, We humbly Submit to the Judgment of this Honourable Court.

Moreover the Public Laws of the Province, from the first Session

of the first General Court in the Province, by the Act of the Fourth of William and Mary, Chapter Nineteenth, have Obliged the Several Towns, to pay their respective Representatives for their Travel and Attendance [**279.**] At the General Court: And the uninterrupted Practice hath been according to that Law ever since to this day. Now We are humbly of Opinion, that there can be no more forcible Reason urged, than public Laws, and constant Practice, with Universal Consent, from the beginning.

And Lastly, this present General Court, Since last May, in affirmance of the same Reason and Justice as this Province hath always acknowleged and followed, did with their common Consent, by a public Law Enact, That a Tax should be raised upon the several Towns for the Payment of what their respective Representatives should receive for their Travel and Attendance upon the General Court from the beginning of the Session of this Court in May last unto the end of the several Sessions thereof till May next. ——

We are sensible that the Charge We complain of is but small as to the quantum, but Our Case is, We have Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty two People Taxed in our Books, out of whose Rates is abated this Year, Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Five pence most of it whole Rates of poor People not able to pay, Two Hundred and Twenty People more in Our Tax books, whom Our Assessors thought not Rateable for their Poverty, besides many Hundreds more for the same Reason not Entered in those Books at all, Our Town-charges to the Poor this Year amounts to about Four Thousand Pounds, besides all the Contributions of Our Churches and Societys, and Charity of particular Persons, Our other Town Charges above Four Thousand Pounds more, besides the Maintenance of Our Ministers, Province and County Tax. By this means, and as We humbly Apprehend for the extraordinary portion of the Province charge laid upon Us by the Great and General Court Our Rates run so high that several of Our considerable Men pay from One to Three Hundred Pounds Tax in a Year, many that have but a House to live in and Health to follow their Callings are Rated higher than Country Gentlemen that can buy out Twenty such, And this Town that is of so great importance to the Landed as well as Trading Interest of the province is in very pressing difficulties that seem to threaten its ruin. [**280.**] So that if we should not Pray for Relief in this Case, wherein We are burthened in our humble Opinion contrary to plain Reason, Law, and perpetual Practiced We might Justly fear our charges whom time to time be increase: 'till it would be impossible for us to discharge them.

Wherefore We humbly Pray for redress in the Premisses, And Your Excellency's and Honour's Most Humble Petitioners, As in Duty Bound, Shall ever pray.

John Read
Hugh Vans
Nath^L. Cunningham.
Samuel Watts.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired and

Directed to cause the said Address to be transcribed, And that they sign the same, and Present it to the Great and General Court, at their next Sitting at Salisbury the Twelfth of October next.

The Select Men Presented their Report of the Sale of the Three Townships by public Auction, According to Order of the Town at a Meeting the Third of May last past —— Read, as follows, Viz^t.

Pursuant to the Vote above, We have attended the Service, and have accordingly Sold the Three Townships, As follows, Viz^t.

To John Read Esquire, the Township Number One, for One Thousand and Twenty Pounds, Who has Paid Three Hundred and Forty Pounds, and given his Bonds for the Payment of Three Hundred and Forty Pounds the Thirtieth of December next, and the remaining Sum of Three Hundred and Forty Pounds the Thirtieth of June next (without Interest) According to the Conditions of the Sale.

[281.] To Colonel Joseph Heath, the Township Number Two, for One Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Who has Paid Four Hundred and Forty Pounds, and given his Bonds to pay the like Sum of Four Hundred and Forty Pounds On the Thirtieth of December next, And the remaining Sum of Four Hundred and Forty Pounds on the Thirtieth of June next Ensuing, without Interest.

The Township not as yet laid out, to the Honourable Colonel Jacob Wendell, for the Sum of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty Pounds, for which, the Deed is not as yet given, but will be in a few days.

So that the Money already Received by the Select Men is Seven Hundred and Eighty Pounds, which waits to be disposed of as the Town shall direct.

Boston Sept. 21. 1737.	JOHN JEFFRIES JON^A. ARMITAGE DAVID COLLSON ALEX^A FORSYTH JONAS CLARKE THOMAS HUTCHINSON, JUN^R.	Select Men

Voted, That this Report be Accepted. —— And upon a Motion made

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Consider what may be proper for the Town to do with the Money, which the Select Men have already received, and what is further to be Paid for the said Townships, at the Periods mentioned in their Report.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for that Purpose, Who are hereby Desired to Report thereon, at the next General Town Meeting.

Upon the Petition of Solomon Kneeland, Praying the Town would give him One Year further for Redeeming his Land taken in Execution by the Town Treasurer, for a [282.] Debt due to the Town from his Son Samuel Kneeland, for whom he became bound; Hoping to be Able to discharge the said Debt, with Interest for the same (which he is willing to Allow & pay) in that time, or sooner, if the Town should see cause to indulge him herein.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is Impowered to Release to the said Solomon Kneeland the Land taken in Execution for the Debt of his Son Samuel Kneeland as above; Upon Condition, That he pay the principal Sum due to the Town, with lawful Interest and Charges, within the Space of One Year next ensuing.

Upon the Petition of Samuel Kneeland, Praying the Town would allow him some further Time (as his other Creditors are willing to do) for the Payment of his Debt due to the Town Treasurer; Offering to give such Security for the said payment as shall be required —— In answer whereto. ——

Voted, That this Affair be reffered to the Select Men; Who are Desired, and hereby Impowered to do therein As they shall Judge most for the Interest of the Town: And that They give Directions to the Town Treasurer accordingly.

Then the Meeting was dismist. ——

At the Desire of the Gentlemen the Committee for Erecting a Work-House in the Town of Boston, and by Order of the Select Men, the following Instrument of Subscription is here Recorded.

BOSTON, May 25. 1735.

Whereas the Town of Boston propose to Erect a Workhouse wherein to Employ the [**283.**] Idle and indigent belonging to the Town, Which We apprehend a very charitable Undertaking, and like to conduce much to the Public Interest, and good Order thereof (Such Houses having been found very Beneficial in other Countrys) Which House with the necessary Furniture, and some Stock for the Poor to be Employed by, will probably Cost about Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds; Wherefore to Encourage this Laudable Enterprize, We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, Promise to pay the several Sums which We have annext to Our respective Names to any Person or Persons appointed by said Town to receive the same, if the Town shall proceed in this Building.

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John Ruck, Fifty Pounds	,,	.50	,,	,,
Jacob Wendell, One Hundred Pounds . .	,,	100	,,	,,
Henry Dering, One Hundred Pounds in Boards, at Market Price . .	,,	100	,,	,,
Jonathan Jackson, One Hundred Pounds in Nailes at Money Price . .	,,	100	,,	,,
William Tyler, One Hundred Pounds in Nailes at Money Price . . .	,,	100	,,	,,
James Townsend, Thirty Pounds . .	,,	.30	,,	,,
Jacob Royal, ...	,,	.50	,,	,,
Henry Atkins	,,	.30	,,	,,
John Hunt, One Hundred Pounds . .	,,	100	,,	,,
John Hill, Twenty five Pounds . . .	,,	.25	,,	,,
Thomas Hubbard, One Hundred Pounds .	,,	100	,,	,,
Thomas Hill, Twenty five Pounds . .	,,	.25	,,	,,
Benjamin Hallowell Junr. Thirty Pounds .	,,	.30	,,	,,
James Bowdoin, One Hundred Pounds. .	,,	100	,,	,,

Green and Walker, Eighty Pounds	,,	.80 ,,	,,
John Fayerweather, Fifty Pounds	,,	.50 ,,	,,
Thomas Hancock, One Hundred Pounds in Goods at Cash price	,,	100 ,,	,,
Thomas Cushing Junr. Fifty Pounds	,,	.50 ,,	,,
William Downe, Fifty Pounds	,,	.50 ,,	,,
Edward Bromfield, Fifty Pounds	,,	.50 ,,	,,
Caleb Lyman, Thirty Pounds	,,	.30 ,,	,,
Daniel Henchman, Twenty five Pounds	,,	.25 ,,	,,
Ebenezer Storer	,,	.30 ,,	,,
[284.] William Young, cordwainer.	,,	3 ,,	,,
Joseph Calef	,,	2 ,,	,,
Nathanael Hayward	,,	3 ,,	,,
Jonathan Foster	,,	1 ,,	10 ,,
William Salter, to pay in Goods	,,	.10 ,,	,,
William Coffin	,,	.10 ,,	,,
Benjamin Clarke.	,,	5 ,,	,,
Joshua Cheever	,,	.50 ,,	,,
John Barret, in Goods Fifteen Pounds.	,,	.15 ,,	,,
Richard Checkley	,,	.25 ,,	,,
Peter Oliver	,,	.80 ,,	,,
John Phillips, to pay in Goods	,,	.25 ,,	,,
John and Jonathan Simpson, to be paid in Nailes at ready Money price, or Provisions	,,	.50 ,,	,,
Joseph Sherburn, to be paid in Goods at Money price	,,	.15 ,,	,,
Caleb Lyman Junr	,,	5 ,,	,,
Samuel Grant, to be Paid in Goods at Cash price, Twenty Pounds	,,	20 ,,	,,
William Owen, Fifteen Pounds, in Goods	,,	15 ,,	,,
Samuel Bridgham, Ten Pounds	,,	10 ,,	,,
John Gerrish	,,	30 ,,	,,
John Wheelwright, in Timber at Market price, Fifty Pounds	,,	50 ,,	,,
Joseph Webb	,,	3 ,,	,,
Gershom Flagg	,,	5 ,,	,,
Samuel Sewall	,,	30 ,,	,,
Edward Marion, Ten Pounds to be paid in Smiths Ware	,,	10 ,,	,,
William Warner, Ten Pounds	,,	10 ,,	,,
Edward Procter, Goods	,,	5 ,,	,,
Peter Thomas	,,	3 ,,	,,
Joseph Procter, Ten Pounds to be paid in Goods	,,	10 ,,	,,
Josiah Langdon	,,	15 ,,	,,
Henry Pigeon	,,	10 ,,	,,
Hopestill Foster	,,	6 ,,	,,
John Jeffries	,,	30 ,,	,,
Jonathan Armitage	,,	50 ,,	,,
[285.] David Collson	,,	50 ,,	,,
Alexander Forsyth	,,	15 ,,	,,

Jonas Clarke, Thirty Pounds	,,	30 ,,	,,
Joshua Blanchard	,,	20 ,,	,,
Andrew Oliver	,,	50 ,,	,,
Francis Wells	,,	20 ,,	,,
Thomas Hutchinson Junr.	,,	30 ,,	,,
Benjamin Colman	,,	25 ,,	,,
Joseph Sewall	,,	25 ,,	,,
John Webb	,,	25 ,,	,,
Eliakim Hutchinson	,,	30 ,,	,,
Jonathan Williams Junr.	,,	15 ,,	,,
Joseph Hubbart in Iron Work	,,	20 ,,	,,
Edward Hutchinson	,,	30 ,,	,,
Josiah Willard	,,	25 ,,	,,
John Welch	,,	15 ,,	,,
John and Richard Billings	,,	20 ,,	,,
Robert Watt	,,	20 ,,	,,
William Maccarty	,,	15 ,,	,,
Nathanael Barber	,,	5 ,,	,,
Jacob Hurd	,,	5 ,,	,,
Jeremiah Belknap	,,	10 ,,	,,
Peter Kenwood	,,	25 ,,	,,
John Wendell	,,	30 ,,	,,
Edmund Quincy	,,	20 ,,	,,
John Erving	,,	50 ,,	,,
Cord Cordis	,,	10 ,,	,,
Samuel Welles, Thirty Pounds	,,	30 ,,	,,
Abiel Walley, in Goods	,,	30 ,,	,,
Oxenbridge Thacher	,,	25 ,,	,,
Timothy Prout	,,	30 ,,	,,
Jonathan Williams	,,	15 ,,	,,
John Steel	,,	20 ,,	,,
Andrew Eliot	,,	5 ,,	,,
Daniel Loring	,,	10 ,,	,,
Daniel Pecker	,,	5 ,,	,,
William Rand	,,	10 ,,	,,
Gershom Keyes	,,	10 ,,	,,
Edward Tyng	,,	15 ,,	,,
Edward Gray	,,	15 ,,	,,
[286.] James Davenport	,,	10 ,,	,,
Francis Warden	,,	6 ,,	,,
Thomas Hawding	,,	5 ,,	,,
Thomas Foster, Six Pounds	,,	6 ,,	,,
John Draper, Five Pounds	,,	5 ,,	,,
William Cooper, Twenty Pounds	,,	20 ,,	,,
Richard Bill	,,	50 ,,	,,
John Traill, Thirty Pounds	,,	30 ,,	,,
John Richardson	,,	90 ,,	,,
John Spooner	,,	30 ,,	,,
Andrew Lane	,,	10 ,,	,,
John Knight	,,	25 ,,	,,
Francis Borland, Fifty Pounds	,,	50 ,,	,,
James Pemberton, Fifty Pounds	,,	50 ,,	,,

John Gooch, Fifty Pounds	,,	50 ,,	,,
Thomas Greene, Twenty five Pounds . .	,,	25 ,,	,,
John Smibert	,,	15 ,,	,,
Francis Gatcombe	,,	30 ,,	,,
John Dolbeare	,,	25 ,,	,,
John Goldthwait, in Masons work . .	,,	15 ,,	,,
Thomas Foxcroft	,,	10 ,,	,,
Eunice Willard	,,	5 ,,	,,
Peter Thacher	,,	15 ,,	,,
Peter Faneuil, One Hundred Pounds. .	,,	100 ,,	,,
Joshua Gee	,,	20 ,,	,,

[287.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and warned according to Law, Assembled in Publick Town Meeting, at the Town House, Upon Monday the 13th. March, 1737.

Prayer being made by the Rev. Mr. William Cooper —

The Warrants for calling the Meeting —— Read

The Town then proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator and the Votes being Collected and sorted, it appeared, That Mr. Thomas Cushing Junior, was Chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Sundry Laws —— Read.

Sundry Petitions and Reports Read, and Motions made. ——

Viz^t. Petitions and Proposals,

Of the Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh.

Of Mr. John Lovell, for addition to his Salary.

Of Mr. Henry Howell &c. Masters of the Engines.

Of Mr. William Haislup, about Sweeping of Chimnies.

Of Samuel Kneeland, a Prisoner for Debt.

Reports of the Select Men,

Of the Visitation of the Publick Schools.

Of the Sale of a Township, to the Hon. Col. Wendell.

Respecting the Drain from the Tombs.

Respecting Winnisimet Ferry.

Motions made,

By Mr. Joseph Marion, as follows, Viz^t. That Whereas there is on file in the Town Clerk's Office the Report of a Committee of Thirty One Persons chosen and appointed the 27th. of Dec. 1708, in Which He apprehends there are several things proposed, that may serve the best Interest of this Town — Therefore that the Town Clerk be directed to collect the said Report that it may be produced and Read in the present Meeting. — And also, That a Committee might be Chosen, to Consider,

what may be done [288.] For the Relief of the Town in its present difficult Circumstances.

By Mr. Joshua Dodge, respecting the Street Dirt, that so it might not be carried away into the Country, but that the Town may have the benefit of it.

The Town then proceeded to the Choice of Officers &c.

Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing, and sworn by Samuel Sewall Esqr.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Seven Select Men.

The Votes for Seven Select Men being accordingly Collected, it appear'd, the following Gentlemen were Unanimously Chosen to that Office for the Year ensuing.

Viz^{t}.

The Hon. John Jeffries, Esqr.	Select-Men.
Capt. Jonathan Armitage.	
Mr. David Collison.	
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.	
Capt. Caleb Lyman.	
Mr. Jonas Clarke.	
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr.	

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be presented to the Gentlemen the Select Men, for their great Care and Pains in transacting the prudential Affairs of the Town —— Particularly in the Causes still depending in the Law, between the Town and the Heirs of Mr James Everill —— Intreating them patiently to persevee in that matter.

The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Unanimously Chosen Town Treasurer, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, To proceed to bring in the Votes for A County Treasurer, this Afternoon, at Five O'Clock.

[289.] Voted, That the Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing be chosen distinct from the Constables.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Twelve Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing. —— Accordingly. The Votes being Collected, it Appeared, That the following Gentlemen were Chosen into that Office.

Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.	Overseers of the Poor.
John Ruck Esqr.	
Henry Dering Esqr.	
William Tyler Esqr.	
Samuel Greenwood Esqr.	
Capt. Jeffry Bedgood	
Capt. John Hill	
Mr. Thomas Hubbard	
Capt. Daniel Henchman	
Capt. Joshua Cheever	
Mr. Edward Bromfield	
Capt. William Downe	

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned till the Afternoon, At Three O'Clock.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

The Select Men having Audited Mr. Francis Willoughby's Account of the Granarys for the Year past; Their Report thereon, as Entred in Mr. Willoughby's Book was Read, And Accepted; By which it Appears, That the Ballance in the Towns favour, now remaining in Mr. Willoughby's Hands, in Money and Grain, is Fourteen Hundred Twenty Two pounds, Eight Shillings and Six pence.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be, and hereby is Allowed out of the Granary Stock, to Mr. Francis Willoughby, for his Care of the Towns Granarys the Year past, Ending the Third of March, Current.

[**290.**] Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be allow'd, out of the Granary Stock, to Mr. Francis Willoughby, for his Salary as Overseer of the Granarys for the Year ensuing, to End the Third day of March, next.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen to the Office of Constables, for the ensuing Year.

Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Alexander Chamberlain	Constables	. . Paid
Aaron Boardman . .		. . Sworn.
John Smith Junr . .		Paid his Fine in 1732.
Matthias Cussens . .		Excus'd for this year.
John Barker . .		. . Sworn
Edward Winter . .		Sworn.
James Griffin . .		Paid.
Richard Martyn . .		. . Paid.
John Avery . .		. . Paid.
John Symmes . .		Excusd for this year.
James Bradford . .		. . Paid.
Thomas Tyler . .		Paid his fine in 1735.

A List of Sundry Persons in Nomination for several Offices, in the District of Rumney Marsh, for the Year ensuing, was Presented, ——And the following Persons were Chosen into the several Offices mentioned, for the Year ensuing. Accordingly. Viz^{t}.

Mr. Samuel Floyd . . . . . Constable. Sworn.

Mr. John Floyd } Fence Viewers
Mr. Edward Tuttle }

Mr. John Hasey . . . . . Sealer of Leather.

Mr Samuel Tuttle Junr. } Hogreves.
Mr. John Tuttle }

Mr. Elisha Tuttle . . . . . Haward.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Seven Assessors for the Year Ensuing. Accordingly The Votes being Collected, It appear'd the following [**291.**] Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office, Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Daniel Loring
John Staniford
Richard Buckley.
Peter Thomas } Assessors.
Joshua Blanchard
Andrew Eliot
William Thomas

According to Order, as Entred in the Forenoon.

The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer, Which being Collected were Sealed up by Mr. Edward Winter Constable, by him to be kept and return'd unto the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk, According to Law.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen to the Office of Constables, for the Year Ensuing. Viz^{t}.

Messrs. John Osborne Junr.	. . . .	Paid.
Jacob Wendell Junr.	. . . .	Paid.
Simeon Stoddard .	Con- Paid his Fine in 1734	
Joseph Green .	stables .	Paid.
James Boutineau	. . . .	Paid.
Nathanael Loring Junr	. . . .	Paid.

The Petition of Mr. Henry Howell and Others, Masters of the Fire Engines, in behalf of themselves and their respective Companys Praying They may be Excused from Serving in other Town Offices the year ensuing —— As usual Accordingly, A Question was put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners should be Granted.

Voted, in the Affirmative.

A Report of the Select-Men, respecting the Township Sold to the Hon. Col. Wendell being Presented, was Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, in Town-Meeting Assembled, the 13. March, 1737.

[**292.**] Agreeable to the Report of the Select Men made the Twenty first of September last, relating to the Sale of the Three Townships —— We have this Day Executed a Deed to the Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr. for the Township not as yet laid out; And have taken Bonds from Him for Thirteen Hundred and Twenty Pounds, being the Sum the said Township was Sold for.

JOHN JEFFRIES ——	Select Men.
JONATHAN ARMITAGE	
DAVID COLLSON	
ALEXANDER FORSYTH	
CALEB LYMAN	
JONAS CLARKE	
THOMAS HUTCHINSON JUN^{r}.	

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

Voted, To Chuse Eight Clerks of the Market for the Year Ensuing, Accordingly,

The following Persons were Chosen to that Office, Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Jabez Hunt .	. . . . .	Sworn
Richard Salter	. . . . .	Excus'd.
Thomas Tyler	. . . . .	Paid
Joseph Gale .	Clerks of the Market	Sworn
Joseph Sherburn		Paid
Samuel Henchman		
Thomas Savage	. . . . .	Paid.
Edward Brazier	. . . . .	Sworn.

The following Persons were Chosen to the Office of Sealers of Leather, for the Year Ensuing.

Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Samuel May	Sealers of Leather	Sworn
Joseph Starr		Sworn
William Young		Sworn
James Dawson		Sworn
John Allin		
Robert Williams		Sworn

[293.] The following Persons were Chosen Hogreves, for the year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Edward Emerson	Hogreves.	
John Cornish		
Stephen Rogers		Sworn.
Joseph Calef		Excus'd

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, At Nine O'Clock.

Tuesday, March, 14th.

The Town being Assembled, According to Adjournment.

The Select Men Reported Their Examination of Mr. Jonathan Williams's Account of the Granary, after the Death of his Father, from the 10th. March, 1736, to the 22nd. July, 1737. And also that he had paid the Ballance of the same, being Twelve Hundred and Seven Pounds, Six shillings and Two pence, in full discharge thereof. As Entred in Mr. Williams's Book.

Voted, That the Report on Mr. Williams's Account of the Granary, be Accepted.

The Report of the Select Men, of their Visitation of the Publick Schools, being presented, was Read, as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston, at their Annual Meeting in March last past, Desiring the Select Men to Visit the several Publick Schools in the Town, Accompanied by such Gentlemen as they should think proper, and to Report thereon, ——

They accordingly Report, That on the 28th. of June, last, they Attended that Service — Accompanied by,

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esquire.
John Read Esquire.
[294.] The Rev. Mr. Nathanael Williams.
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince.
The Rev. Mr. John Webb.
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Checkley.
The Rev. Mr. William Welsteed.
The Rev. Mr. Joshua Gee, and
Mr. Thomas Cushing, Junior.

And found the said Schools under a good Regulation.

	JOHN JEFFRIES.	Select Men.
	JONATHAN ARMITAGE.	
	DAVID COLLSON.	
Boston, Mar. 9th, 1737.	ALEXANDER FORSYTH.	
	CALEB LYMAN	
	JONAS CLARKE	
	THOMAS HUTCHINSON jun^{r}.	

Voted, That the Select Men be and hereby are desired to Visit

the Publick Schools within this Town the Year ensuing, And that they Desire such Gentlemen to Accompany them, As they shall think proper. And that they Report to the Town the Condition the find them in.

A Report of the Select Men relating to the Drain from the Tombs in the South Burying Place, was presented, and Read, As follows, Viz^{t}.

The Select Men upon Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Affair above mentioned, found that by the Removal of the Granary according to the Towns Order, the Course of the said Drain was Stopp'd and the Tombs thereby fill'd with Water, And great Complaint made thereof by the Proprietors, — We therfore Judg'd it absolutely Necessary to Cause a New Drain to be made, which goes on the North side of the Granary, And which We Apprehend Answers the End propos'd to the Town — And Fifty feet thereof being carried [**295.**] On by the Committee for the Work House, the whole Work has created as little Charge to the Town, as maybe.

Mar. 6, 1737.

John Jeffries.
John Armitage
David Coelson
Alexander Forsyth
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hutchinson Junr.
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

A Memorial of Mr. William Haislup, Representing the Difficulties this Town is at present under, with respect to the Sweeping of Chimnies; And Offering some proposals for Undertaking that Business, for a Term of Years, upon Certain Condition —— Read.

And after some Debate thereon. ——

Voted, That the Consideration of this Affair be referred to the Select Men, And that they be Desired to Treat with Mr. Haislup, or any other Person, on the Subject Matter of these Proposals ——— And Provided He, or any Other Person or Persons shall Appear to Undertake the Business of Chimney-Sweeping, that then They the Select Men be, and hereby are desired, to prepare a By-Law, Or Orders Relating thereto, and lay the same before the Town at their next General Town-Meeting — For Approbation.

The Select Mens Report of the present state of Winnisimet Ferry ——— Read, as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to a Vote of this Town as above ——— The Select Men have given Publick Notice of Leasing out the Ferry between the Town and Winnisimet, for a Term of Years; But there has been no Offers made as yet, to take a Lease of it, Under its present Circumstances.

[**296.**]

John Jeffries
Jonathan Armitage
David Collson
Alexander Forsyth
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hutchinson Junr.
} Select Men.

Boston Mar. 13th. 1737.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby Are Desired and Impowered to Lease Out Winnisimet Ferry for a Term of Years, Or from Year to Year, in the best Manner they can, for the advantage of the Town.

The Petition of Mr. John Lovell, Master of the South Grammar School, Praying for an Addition to his Salary, for Reasons Mentioned ——— Read,

Voted, That the Sum of Forty Pounds p Annum be Added to the Salary of Mr. John Lovell for his further Encouragement and Support as Master of the South Grammar School, in Answer to his Petition, To Commence from the next Quarterly Payment Viz^{t}. the 8th. of April next.

A Petition of Samuel Kneeland, a Prisoner in His Majesty's Goal, for a Debt due to the Town —— Praying the Town to forgive him the said Debt, Or, to Allow him Three years Time to pay it in. ——— Read.

Voted, That this Petition be refer'd to the Select Men; Who are hereby Desired and Impowered to do therein, as they shall judge most for the Interest of the Town.

The following Persons were Chosen to the Office of Constables, for the Year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

[297.] Messrs.	Nathanael V al	. . .	Paid.
	Thomas Newman	. . .	Paid.
	Francis Beteilhe	. . .	Excus'd.
	John Salmon	Constables .	Paid.
	Albert Dennie	. . .	Excus'd.
	Joseph How	. . .	Excus'd.
	William Bowdoin	. . .	Paid.

The following Persons were Chosen Scavengers, for the Year ensuing. ———

Viz^{t}.

Messrs.	John Taylor	Scavengers.
	David Jeffries	
	Benjamin Emmons	
	Ebenezer Storer	
	Jeremiah Belknap	
	Nathanael Gardner	
	Joshua Dodge	
	George Skinner	
	John Charnock	
	Francis Warden	
	Thomas Boucher	
	George Monk	
	Jonathan Loring	
	John Lambert	
	John Bennet	

The following Persons were Chosen Clerks of the Market, for the year ensuing.

Viz^{t}.

Messrs.	Walter Goodridge .	.	. Sworn.
	Henry Gibbon . .	Clerks of the Market	
	John Smith (Brewer)	.	. Sworn.

Upon a Motion made, It was Proposed to the Town Whether they would proceed to the Choice of Tything-Men? ——— It pass'd in the Negative.

Mr. Joseph Grouard was Chosen One of the Hogreves in the Room of Mr. Calef who is Excus'd.

[298.] The following Persons were Chosen to the Office of Fence-Viewers, for the Year ensuing. Viz^t.

Messrs. Joseph Russell,	Sworn	Fence-Viewers.
John Indicot	Sworn	
Hopestil Foster	Sworn	
Caleb Ray	Sworn	
Benjamin Russell	Sworn	
John Pierce		
Thomas Jones		

The following Persons were Chosen Surveyors and Measurers of Boards, Plank, Timber, Shingles &c. Viz^t.

Messrs. Edward Moberly	Viewers of Shingles &c.	Sworn.
Edward Richards		Sworn.
William Pain		Sworn.
Matthew Barnard		Sworn.
Joseph White		
Joseph Rix		Sworn.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Three Viewers and Cullers of Staves ——— Accordingly the following Persons were Chosen to that Office — Viz^t.

Messrs. Robert Breck		Cullers of Staves.
John Helyer	Sworn	
Edward Potter		

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of High Ways, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. Isaac Gridley be Surveyor of Hemp, for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. Richard-Carter Cowel be Haward or Field-driver the Year ensuing.

A Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney-Marsh, in the Township [299.] Of Boston, Praying to be Set Off from this Town, in Order to their being Incorporated into a Separate Township, ——— Read.

Voted, That this Affair be Refer'd to the next General Town-Meeting ——— And that in the mean Time, A Committee of Five Gentlemen be specially Chosen and Appointed, to Consider What may be proper for the Town to do thereon —— And Report their Opinion at the said Meeting. Accordingly.

Voted That Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Mr. Andrew Tyler
Mr. Robert Rand
Mr. Jacob Parker

Be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Messrs. Joseph Gerrish	Constables	
Isaac Winslow		Paid.
John Green (Merch^t.)		Paid.
John Simpson (Brazier)		Paid.

Were Chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three O'Clock, this Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

The following Persons were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Viz^{t}. Mss^{rs}	John Jenkins . . .	.	Sworn
	John Flowers . . .	.	Sworn
	John Pulling . . .	.	Sworn
	John Harris . . .	.	Sworn
	Nicholas Cussens. .	Paid	Constables.
	John Blackader . . .	.	Excus'd
	Benjamin Babbidge . .	.	Sworn
	Thomas Valentine . .	.	Sworn
	Harrison Gray . . .	.	Paid

[**300.**] Whereas, at a Public Town Meeting the 11th. March 1733. It was Voted, "That a Row of Posts with a Rail on the Top "of them be set up and continued thro' the Common from the "Burying Place to Col^{o}. Fitch's fence, leaving Openings at the "several Streets and Lanes." ——— And it being now represented, and complained of, That the Common is much broken, and the herbage spoiled, by means of Carts &c. passing and repassing over it ——— Wherefore, In Order to prevent this Inconvenience and Damage, for the future.

Voted, That there be but One Entrance or Passage for Carts, Coaches &c. Out of Common Street, into the Common or Training Field, to be left Open near the Granary, to go up along by the Work House to Beacon Street ——— And that the other Gaps or Inlets afore mentioned be closed up with Posts and Rails, as the rest.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Three Collectors of Taxes within this Town, Exclusive of the Collector for Rumney Marsh.

Accordingly, The Votes being bro't in and Sorted, it Appear'd, That the following Gentlemen were Chosen Collectors of Taxes, for the year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

Capt. Daniel Pecker
Mr. Nathanael Barber } Collectors.
Mr. Jacob Sheafe

Voted That Mr. Samuel Floyd be the Collector of Rates and Taxes within the District of Rumney Marsh the year ensuing.

Voted, That Nine pence upon the Pound be and hereby is Allowed to the Several Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston for the Year ensuing ——— They Giving Bond with Sufficient Sureties, for the faithful discharge of their said Office, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

[**301.**] Upon the Motion of Mr. Richard Buckley relating to the Slip at the lower end of Wood Lane,

Voted, That a Committee be Chosen of Three Gentlemen to Consider the Circumstances of the said Slip — to know the Mind of the Neighbourhood relating to the Filling up the same, And to Report their Opinion What may be proper for the Town to Do thereon, at the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Mr. Andrew Tyler
Capt. Daniel Henchman
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Messrs Moses Eayres .	Constables	Sworn.
James Minot .		Paid.

Were Chosen Constables for the Year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer's Accounts, together with the Allowance for his Service in that Office the year past, And the Choice of a Committee to Audit the Treasurers Accounts the Year ensuing, be Referr'd for Consideration at the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That the Raising of Money for Relief of the Poor, and Defraying Other Necessary Charges, the year ensuing be Referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

A List of Persons Qualified to serve On the Petit Jury being presented by the Select Men, Was Read, and Approved.

Mr. John Otis, was Chosen Constable for the year ensuing.

Upon the Motion of Mr. Joseph Marion, made at the Opening of this Meeting——

Voted. That the Town Clerk be, and hereby is directed [**302.**] To search for the Report referr'd to by Mr. Marion, and produce the same at the next General Town Meeting, in Order to its being Read in the Audience of the Inhabitants.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be Presented to Mr. Thomas Cushing jun^{r}. the Moderator, for his great Pains in Regulating, and Dispatching the Business of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston, duly qualified, and lawfully warned, in public Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, Upon Wednesday, May, 10th. Anno Domini, 1738.

Prayer was made, by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Checkley.

Then,

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting were Read.

The Sheriff's Precept, Read —

Sundry Laws — Read —

The Select Men propos'd to the Inhabitants, to proceed to the Choice of a Person, or Persons to serve for, and Represent them in a Great and General Court, or Assembly, to be held the 31st. of May current, at Boston aforesaid.

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives

The Votes for Four Representatives [**303.**] Being accordingly Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be . . 481

The Votes being Sorted, It Appear'd, the Four Gentlemen following were duly Elected by a Majority of the Votes, Viz^{t}.

	No. of Votes.
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.	468.
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr.	359.
John Read Esqr.	289.
Major Samuel Sewall	295.

The Choice of Representatives being Ended, The Select Men, declared the same ——— And the Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator.

The Votes for a Moderator being brought in, It Appeared, That Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Chosen Unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mr. Jonathan Williams and Seconded ——— That the Town would please to give Instructions to their Representatives.

Mr. Nathanael Wardel Junr. made a Motion, Viz^t. That the Town would please to revive their Vote or Order, respecting his proposals for Undertaking to Erect an Engine for the Weighing of Hay, and Attending upon that Business —— As Entred the 23d. of Sept. last past.

Several Petitions being Presented —— The Reading of them was defer'd 'till Afternoon.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three O'Clock, Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.———

[304.] Several Petitions were Read, Viz^t.

Of Mr. John Hooton.
Of Mr. Samuel Bass.
Of Mr. Samuel Holyoke.
Of Mr. John Procter.
Of Capt. Daniel Pecker and Others } Collectors for the Year, 1737 }

Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr. in the Name and Behalf of Mr. Peleg Wiswal, Master of the North Grammar School——That the Town would please to allow him an Usher in the said School —— At least for some part of the Year, when the School is most numerous.

Several Reports were Read, Viz^t.

The Select Mens Report of a Bill to be pass'd into a By-Law For making Effectual Provision for the Regular and Seasonable Sweeping of Chimnies.

Report of a Committee On the Petition of the Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh.

Report of a Committee respecting the Towns-Slip, at the lower end of Wood-Lane.

Upon a Motion made by Messrs. Daniel Loring and Andrew Eliot, Viz^t. That the Town would please to Excuse them from Serving in the Office of Assessors the Year ensuing —— being Chosen to that Service in March last,

Voted That Messrs. Daniel Loring and Andrew Eliot be, and hereby are Excused Accordingly.

Messrs. Jacob Parker
William Salter

were Chosen Assessors, for the Year ensuing.

[305.] Messrs. Jonathan Read } Constables . Sworn.
William More } . Sworn.

were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Messrs. Harvey Thomas.	Sworn	Viewers & Cullers of Staves
Joseph Savell		
Samuel Green.	Sworn	
Samuel Gooding		

were Chosen Viewers and Cullers of Staves.

Voted, That Mr. Richard Salter be, and hereby is Excused from Serving as Clerk of the Market, the year ensuing.

Messrs. Ezekiel Needham	Sworn	Clerks of Market.
Joseph Halsey Junr.	Sworn	
John Compton	Sworn	

were Chosen Clerks of the Market, the year ensuing.

Mr. Ebenezer Wallis, was Chosen A Sealer of Leather.

Messrs Dudson Kilcup . . .	Excus'd	Hogreves.
David Mason . . .	Excus'd	

were Chosen Hogreves for the year ensuing.

Messrs. John Scollay . . .	Sworn	Hogreves
James Alexander . .	Sworn	

were Chosen Hogreves for the year ensuing.

Mr. Cushing from the Committee Appointed the 13th. of March last, to Consider the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the District of Rumney Marsh —— Praying to be sett Off from this Town, in Order to their being Incorporated into a Separate and distinct Township —— Presented their Report ——— Which was Read, And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

The Committee Appointed to Consider of the foregoing Petition, have Attended that Service —— And having had a Conference with Sundry of the Principal Petitioners, have heard all they had to Offer in Support [**306.**] Of said Petition ——— And after mature Deliberation had thereon, The Committee are of Opinion —— That as to any inconvenience which either does now, or may hereafter Attend the Petitioners with respect to the Support of their present Minister, Or in Settling and Supporting any others in time to come, It may fully be redressed by their being made a Precinct, when they shall Petition for that purpose and it be Judg'd reasonable.

As to any difficulties the Petitioners Apprehend they are now under, with respect to the School, the due apportioning the Taxes, and their High Ways — The Committee are of Opinion — That the Town may give relief (as they think needful) in a more reasonable Manner than by Voting them Off a distinct Township.

And We are therefore, on the whole, Of Opinion that this Petition be dismiss'd.

All which is humbly Submitted.

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THOMAS CUSHING JUN^{R}.
SAMUEL ADAMS,
May, 8th, 1738. ANDREW TYLER
ROBERT RAND,
JACOB PARKER

After some Debate —

Voted, That this Report be Accepted — And That the Petition be accordingly Dismiss'd.

The Report of a Committee appointed the 14 March, 1736, to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts, for the year past, As Entred in the Treasurer's Book, Was Read, Accepted and ———

Voted, That the Treasurer be discharged Accordingly.

Voted, A Grant of Eight Thousand Six [**307.**] Hundred Pounds, to be Raised by a Tax upon Polls and Estates, within the Town of Boston; for Relief of the Poor, and Defraying other necessary Charges, Arising within and for said Town, the year ensuing.

Upon a Motion made and seconded, respecting the Town Treasurers Allowance——— The following Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether any larger Allowance should be made to the Town Treasurer, than what has been formerly made him?

Voted in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds be, and hereby is Allowed, to be paid to the Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esquire, Town Treasurer, for his Service in that Office the year past.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Auditors of the Town Treasurers Accounts for the year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire.
The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esquire.
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esquire.
Mr. John Arbuthnot
Hugh Hall Esquire.

Upon the Petition of Mr. John Hooton, Praying — that the Waste Water which runs from Fishstreet upon Gallop's Wharf, so called, may be caused to run into the Slip at the lower End of Wood Lane, for Reasons in said Petition mentioned;

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Consider the Subject Matter of this Petition, and Impowered to Act in that Affair, according to their Discretion.

The Motion (which was made, at the Opening this Meeting) for giving Instructions to the Representatives being taken under Consideration, After some Debate thereon,

[**308.**] Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Draw up Instructions accordingly, Upon the following Heads, Viz^{t}. Concerning the Trade of this Province, and the Paper Currency; The Extraordinary Proportion of the Public Taxes, they apprehend this Town pays; And also relating to the Dividing the County of Suffolk. And that the Committee be desired to lay the same before the Town — for their Consideration, At the (intended) Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted, That the Number of this Committee be Five.

Voted, That Capt. Nathanael Cunningham,
Mr. Hugh Vans
Mr. Peter Thomas
Mr. James Allen,
Mr. Edward Bromfield
be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday next, the 17th. Current, At Three O'Clock Afternoon.

Wednesday, May, 17th. The Town being Assembled,

The Select Mens Report of the Draught of A Bill to be Pass'd into a By-Law, for making Effectual Provision for the regular and seasonable Sweeping of Chimnies ——— Read, as follows Viz^t.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned as the Law directs, in Town Meeting Assembled, the Tenth of May, 1738.

For the Making Effectual Provision for the regular and seasonable Sweeping the Chimnies of this Town ———

[**309.**] It is Voted and Ordered.

That the Select Men of the Town, for the Time being, be hereby Directed and Impowered, from time to time, to Appoint One or more Sutable Persons to be Sweepers of Chimnies within this Town, Who shall give Security, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men, for their good Behaviour in said Office, And Whose Wages for their Work and service shall not exceed the rates hereafter mentioned.

Viz^t.

For Each Chimny of Five Stories high, Three Shillings.

Of Four Stories high, Two Shillings and Six pence.

Of Three Stories high, Two Shillings.

All other Common Chimnys, Twenty pence.

And all Kitchen Chimnys that are above the Tops of the House they belong to, in proportion to the heighth of the House, at the Rates above.

And If any Person whomsoever Who is not so Appointed, as aforesaid, Shall presume, either by himself or servant, to undertake the Sweeping of any Chimny in this Town, Except such Chimny or Chimnies as are under his or their own Improvement, Shall Forfeit and Pay the sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence.

And it is further Ordered.

That every Person or Persons so appointed by the Select Men, to be Undertakers of Chimny-Sweeping, Shall be Obliged within Forty eight Hours (After Notice given them in writing) either by themselves, or some other Person (to be Approved by the Select Men) duly to Attend the Sweeping of such Chimny, On Penalty of Forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Shillings, for every such neglect.

And it is further Ordered.

That upon Complaint made to any of the Select Men, either by the Chimny Sweepers, Or by any Other of the Inhabitants of this Town, Against any Person or Persons neglecting to have their Chimnys Swept, being foul, that in every such case, the Select Men, or any two of them, are hereby Impowered to Inspect and View the said Chimny or Chimnys complained against, as aforesaid; And if they judge the [**310.**] Said Chimnies, or any of them unsafe, to make or keep Fire therein, by reason of their being foul, and want of Sweeping, and Signify the same to the Person or Persons then in Possession of the Tenement to which such Chimny doth belong, That then, and in every such Case, the Occupier of

every such House or Tenement shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Shillings for every Day in which Fire shall be kept in such Chimny, until the same shall be sufficiently Swept.

And it is further Ordered.

That if any Chimny shall take Fire, and blaze out at the top, thro' foulness or for want of Sweeping, the Occupier of the House shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty Shillings ——— Unless it shall happen within Thirty Days After said Chimny shall have been swept; And then, And in such Case, the Person who last swept the same, shall forfeit and pay the aforesaid Fine of Twenty Shillings; Provided, the said Fire shall be Occasioned thro' foulness, or his defect in Sweeping.

This Order to continue and be in Force, for the Space of Three Years, And no longer.

The foregoing Order having been Read several times ———

Voted That the same be Accepted: And that the Select Men be Desired to present it to y^e^. Court of General Sessions of the Peace, next to be holden at Boston for the County of Suffolk, for their Approbation.

The Petition of Capt. Daniel Pecker and Others Collectors of Taxes, for the Year, 1737, Praying that the Assessors may be allowed to set upon Abatements until the last Day of September next, for Reasons mentioned. Read.

Voted. That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

[**311.**] A Petition of Mr. Samuel Bass, Praying that the Town would please to Impower their Select Men, to make Sale of a Peice of Land, belonging to the Town, which is in his Occupation, and adjoins to his Own Land, in Water Street, And to Execute a good Deed in the Law for the same, to him, for a valuable Consideration ——— Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Consider the Subject Matter of this Petition, And that they Report their Opinion thereon, at the next General Town Meeting.

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, from the Committee Appointed the 10th. instant, to Draw up Instructions for the Representatives, Presented a Draught which they had accordingly Prepared ——— And laid the same before the Town for their Consideration. Which are as follows, Viz^t^.

To Messieurs Thomas Cushing Junr.
Thomas Hutchinson Junr. John Read, and
Samuel Sewall, Esquires.

Gentlemen,

We the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and regularly Assembled, Having Chosen You for Our Representatives, to Appear for Us in the Great and General Court of this Province, for the year ensuing;

And Whereas, This Province in general, as well as this Town in particular, labour under the greatest hardships difficulties and distresses upon many Accounts, And which are daily growing and increasing upon Us, without any signal prospect of relief;

And Although in the General You are Intrusted with All Our Powers ——— And We cannot but Hope, that You will consult the

General Good of the Province as well as the Particular Advantage of this Town ———

[312.] Yet, Esteeming it Our Duty in this unhappy Juncture of Affairs, to Request of You, to Exert All Your Powers in Conjunction with the other Worthy Members of the Honourable House of Representatives, to Guard against, and Defend Us from All Encroachments that may be Attempted against Our Natural Rights, and Charter Privileges ——— And that it may not be Objected to You by any Person whatever, that You do not Act agreeable to the Mind of Your Principals, upon several importants Heads,

We would in a more especial manner earnestly Recommend to You ———

I. Our Trade, Which labours under Utmost Discouragements by the extremity of low Markets abroad, Our Neighbouring Governments, Especially Rhode Island, who are daily Rivalling of us, in Our Trade and Medium or Paper Currency, And the liberty they have of Importing the Surplussage of all their Commodities, Foreign and Domestick into this Province for Sale at such Easy rates, And Our Excessive Taxes. Add to them Our Impost to be Paid in Silver and Gold, And the many frauds practiced in the Quality, Weight, and Measure of almost all Commodities, either Consumed amongst Us, Or bought up for Foreign Markets. These altogether are such Burthens as are insupportable, And if not rectified, will indanger the Trade of the whole Province; For it is evident beyond Contradiction, That if Rhode Island can make what Paper Bills they please, And Our Hands are tyed, so that We can make none ——— And yet Our Necessities should Oblige Us to take theirs, And part with valuable Commodities, Nay, even Our Lands for them — If we continue to be heavily Taxed, whilst they are free from Taxes, What Advantages are there which they will not have over this Province? They may Purchase it all in a few years, if they go on, and increase in proportion to what they have done in Seven years past. And therefore, In Order [313.] To increase Our Trade, We Apprehend, it will be absolutely Necessary to have a Sufficient Medium, under good Regulations and reject theirs, And to lessen Our Taxes, especially Our Impost. And a further Encouragement to Our Trade will be, to Enact that a Draw-back be allowed upon all Foreign Goods imported, upon which there is a Duty paid, Upon their being re-exported, As is highly reasonable, And the well known Practice of Our Mother Country.

II. And Whereas We Apprehend Ourselves grievously Oppressed by a very large and disproportionable part of the Province Tax laid upon Us for Several Years past, compared with the proportion paid by Other Towns within this Province, and however the proportion may have been heretofore thought reasonable ——— Yet, as all things are liable to mutation, so the Circumstances of this Town of late years are exceedingly Altered, by reason Several Maritime Towns within this Province are continually Rivalling of Us, And have actually Stripped Us of several Valuable Branches of Trade, which must necessarily render Us less able to pay Our wonted Tax, Whilst they are more able, and ought to pay much larger, than they have heretofore done. And Although We have often Com-

plained ——— Yet hitherto have had little or no redress, And as the Scarcity of Bills of Credit, and the Decay of Our Trade and lessening Our Navigation increases upon Us, So Our Taxes ought to be reduced in proportion.

And therefore, We Earnestly Desire You to Scrutinize into the Circumstances, Trade, and Taxes of the Several Towns within this Province, And so Endeavour that Our proportion of the Public Province Tax may be reduced According to Our Circumstances At this Day, compared with Other Towns.

III. Our Bills of Public Credit, which are of the Utmost Concern to the General Interest of this Province, As well as the Trading Towns in particular — And as the distressing Circumstances of this Province [**314.**] Are increasing upon Us in proportion to their being called in and destroyed, without sutable Provision being made for somewhat to pass as a Medium in lieu thereof, So the Consequence must be terrible, if not fatal to this Province. And therefore, We stongly Injoin You not to consent to any further Supply of the Treasury for any growing Charge of the Province Unless the Funds for discharging the same be put on sutable Years after Seventeen Hundred and Forty One. And as the Taxes are Exceeding high already, And that We may not be left a prey to the arbitrary will of every Officer, who may Occasionally have A Demand upon Us in relation to his Fees, We would therefore Recommend to You that You Use Your Utmost Endeavour that the Fees of the Officers may be fixed and ascertained to prevent Oppression, Uncertainty, and Disputes, which will necessarily Arise, Unless some good law be made to prevent the same. — And that no greater Fines be laid upon the Militia, unless the same be appropriated towards defraying the Charge and Expence of such Town to which they belong, According to the Design of Acts already made for that purpose.

We likewise Injoin You to Oppose the foreclosing the Deliberations of future Assemblies between this, and Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, relating to the Bills of Public Credit of the Old Tenor; but that they may be left free to Act when the Years shall come, According as they shall judge most Advisable for the safety of the Province.

And inasmuch as past Assemblies have interrupted the Operation of the Province Bills of the Old Tenor, and have not suffered them to pass according to the true intent of their Emission, but have made Bills of a New Tenor to Exchange the Old Bills, So that the very Nature of them are intirely alter'd, which will inevitably Cause the utmost perplexity in the Affairs of the Province ———

[**315.**] Therefore, We likewise Injoin You to Use Your utmost Power and Influence to Obtain An Act for striking off so many Bills of the Old Tenor, as will re-exchange all the Bills of the New Tenor already exchanged for the Old, That thereby the said Old Bills may Operate according to their Funds, and as shall be most consistent with the safety of this Province.

And, that the growing Charge of this Province added to the Funds already laid for calling in all Our Paper Currency by Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, may be set in a true light ——— to

shew the impractibility if not the impossibility of its being done, without causing the Utmost Confusion, if not Destruction of this Province:

We herewith present You with the following Account ——

		£	s	d
1738.	Fund for Calling in this present Year, the Sum of . . .	47875	,,	,,
	The Representatives Pay, for the Current Year	4000	,,	,,
	¼ Part of the Other Charge of the Current Year. . . .	10000	,,	,,
		.61875	,,	,,
1739.	Fund for Calling in that Year .	38025	,,	,,
	The Representatives Pay for 1738	4000	,,	,,
	¼ Part of the Province Charge on the year 1738 . . .	10000	,,	,,
	⅓ Part of the Charge of the Current Year	13333	,,	,,
		6.5338	,,	,,
1740.	Fund for Calling in that Year .	46525	,,	,,
	The Representatives Pay for 1738 .	4000	,,	,,
	¼ Part of the Province Charge the Year 1738	10000	,,	,,
	⅓ Part of the Province Charge the Year 1739	13333	,,	,,
	½ the Province Charge for that Current Year	20000	,,	,,
		.93858	,,	,,
[316.] 1741.	Fund for Calling in .	£52525	,,	,,
	The Representatives Pay, for 1738	4000	,,	,,
	¼ Part of the Province Charge the year 1738	10000	,,	,,
	⅓ Part of Ditto, 1739 . . .	13333	,,	,,
	½ the Province Charge of 1740 .	20000	,,	,,
	The Whole Charge of the Province the Current Year . . .	40000	,,	,,
		£139858	,,	,,

So that according to the projected Scheme, this Province must bring into the Treasury Every Bill of this Province by Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, Which Amounts to the Sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Nine, Pounds ——— Or Otherwise Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Nine Ounces of Silver, Saving what small Matter may be paid into the Treasury in Hemp and Flax.

Thus stands the State and View of Our Affairs, at present.

Wherefore, We Injoin You to Use Your Utmost Powers, That the Funds be laid in Paper Bills of the Old Tenor, and not in Bills of the New Tenor redeemable in Silver and Gold, Which cannot possibly be Obtained by the Inhabitants of this Province.

And as the lessening of the Excise will increase the Publick Taxes, So, We Injoin You to make a due Inquiry into the Method of letting the same out to Farm, And Whether there has not been indirect methods Used therein; And that the Same be Rectified and Regulated according to the True Intent and Meaning of the Act ——— Especially in relation to the Excise of the County of Suffolk.

[**317.**] And, Whereas We Apprehend there will be An Attempt made for the Division of this County — We would Earnestly Desire You to Oppose the same; — And for Reasons, We Refer You to the Answer of the Town of Boston, relating to that Affair, Exhibited to the Great and General Court, at their Session, the 19th. Nov. 1735.

All which is Humbly Submitted ——

By,

Your most Humble Servants,

NATHL. CUNNINGHAM.
HUGH VANS.
PETER THOMAS.
JAS. ALLEN. ——

The foregoing Instructions having been several Times distinctly Read, And Debated, ———

Voted, That they be Accepted ——— And that An Attested Copy of the same be, by the Town Clerk deliver'd to Each of the Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston, As the Instructions of the said Town.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded by many. ———

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be given to the Gentlemen the Committee for Instructions, for their pains taken in drafting the same.

A Petition of Mr. John Procter, Master of the North Writing School ——— Praying that his Salary might be Advanced, For Reasons therein mentioned ———

Read ——— And the Question being put, Vizt. Whether the Town will at this time make any Addition to the Salary of Mr. John Procter?

Voted, in the Affirmative.

[**318.**] Voted, That the Sum of Forty Pounds p Annum be Added to the Salary of Mr. John Procter, to Commence from the last Quarterly payment, Vizt. the 13th. of March last past. ———

A Petition of Mr. Samuel Holyoke, Master of the Writing School in Queen Street ——— Praying for such Addition to his Salary, As the Town shall judge proper, for Reasons mentioned ——— Read,

And the Question being put, Vizt. Whether the Town would make any Addition to Mr. Holyoke's Salary?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds p Annum be Added to the Salary of Mr. Samuel Holyoke, to Commence from the last Quarterly payment. Viz^{t}. the 25th. of March last past.

A Motion made by Mr. Hutchinson, at the Opening this Meeting, in the Name and Behalf of Mr. Peleg Wiswall, Master of the North Grammar School, Praying for the Allowance of An Usher in the said School, at least for some part of the year, when the School is most numerous ——— being taken into Consideration,

Voted, That the Affair of placing An Usher in the North Grammar School, in Answer to the Motion of Mr. Hutchinson, above mentioned, be Refer'd to the Select Men; who are hereby Desired and Impowered to Act therein as they shall judge most for the benefit and advantage of the said School.

The Committee Appointed the 14th of March last, Upon the Motion of Mr. Richard Buckley, to Consider the Circumstances of the Towns Slip, at the lower end of Wood Lane, &c. Presented [**319.**] Their Report, Which was Read, And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote, and Desire of the Town of Boston, at their Annual Meeting the 13th of March, last past ———

We the Subscribers have Attended the Service — Desired of Us ——— Have view'd the Towns Slip, or Dock at the lower end of Wood-lane ——— Have also Discoursed with the Neighbours respecting the filling up the same, Who we find do approve thereof; And therefore Report As follows, Viz^{t}.

That We Apprehend it may be convenient for the Town to allow the Abutters on the said Slip to Wharf across the same, about Two Hundred and Thirty feet from Fish street, And to fill up the Slip — Provided, They lay down and maintain a Sufficient Common Shore, to the End of the said Wharf, in Order to carry off the Water (from those Cellars) that now does or may run into said Slip ——— And further, That the said Abutters maintain a convenient Passage or Gutter for conveying the Water from the Street to the End of the said Wharf — to be performed to the satisfaction of the Select Men.

All which is Humbly Submitted, &c. ———

By

EDWARD HUTCHINSON.
ANDREW TYLER
DAN^{L}. HENCHMAN

Boston May 8th. 1738.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

Mr. Joseph Ingraham was Chosen One of the Viewers and cullers of Staves, for the year Ensuing.

Upon the Motion of Mr. Nathanael Wardell Junr. at the Opening this Meeting, Praying the Town would please to revive their Vote, or Order respecting his Proposals for Undertaking to Erect an Engine for Weighing of Hay &c. [**320.**] Entred the 23^{d}. Sept. last past.

Voted, That the Consideration of Mr. Wardell's Motion be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be given to Mr. Cushing,

the Moderator, for his great Pains in Regulating, and giving Dispatch to the Business of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and Warned according to Law, in Public Town-Meeting Assembled at the Town-House, on Tuesday the Twenty first of November, Anno Domini, 1738.

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting ——— Read.

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Chosen Moderator.

Petitions and Motions. Viz^t.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh ——— Read. ———

The Select Men made a Motion for Petitioning the General Court, for Liberty to bring forward, at the Superiour Court in Boston, An Action of Review, against the Heirs of James Everill, for reversing a Judgment Obtain'd in Said Court against the Town, for Part of a Parcel of Land, and Shop thereon, now in the Possession of John and Richard Billings.

Mr. Nathanael Wardell Junr. made a Motion for reviving a Vote of the Town, pass'd the 23. Sept. 1737. upon his Proposals Exhibited, relating to the Weighing of Hay.

[**321.**] A Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney-Marsh, within the Township of Boston, Presented to the Great and General Court, to be Set off and Erected A distinct and Separate Township, with the Order of Court thereon, Read.

And after some Debate thereon,

Voted, To Chuse a Committee to take the said Petition under Consideration, to Draw up an Answer to the same, and to lay it before the Town, for their approbation, in Order to its being presented to the General Court at their next Sitting.

Voted, That the Committee Consist of Five Persons.

Voted, That Messrs. Hugh Vans.
Joseph Marion
James Allen
Edward Bromfield
Nathanael Cunningham

Be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid. ———

Voted, That the Committee be Desired to Report to the Town, On Monday next the Twenty Seventh Instant, at Three O'Clock ater Noon ——— to which Time it is proposed this Meeting should be Adjourned, to receive the same.

Upon the Motion of the Select-Men, for Petitioning the General Court, for Liberty to bring forward, at the Superiour Court in Boston, An Action of Review, against the Heirs of James Everill, for reversing a Judgment Obtain'd in said Court against the Town, for Part of a Parcel of Land and Shop thereon, now in the Possession of John and Richard Billings.

Voted, That the Select-Men of the Town for the Time being be directed in behalf of the Town; Humbly to Petition the General Court for leave to bring forward at the Superiour Court in

Boston, An Action of Review against the Heirs of James Everell, for the Reversing a Judgment Obtain'd at the said Superiour Court against the Town for part of a Parcel of Land, and Shop thereon, now in the Possession of John and [322.] Richard Billings, the Time by Law for bringing forward said Action being elapsed, notwithstanding. And the said Select Men are Impowered to pursue the said Review to Effect.

A Motion of Mr. Nathanael Wardell Junr. made at the Public Town Meeting the 10th. of May last past, That the Town would please to revive their Vote, pass'd the 23d Sept. 1737. respecting his Proposals for Erecting an Engine for Weighing of Hay, brought to Market in Carts &c. ——— being Referr'd to the Consideration of the Town at this Meeting ———

The Town accordingly proceeded to Consider the same and after some Debate thereon ———

Voted, That the Select-Men be, and hereby are Desired to prepare the Draft of a By-Law relating to Weighing of Hay brought to Market in Carts, and other Land Carriage, and lay the same before the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting, for their Consideration.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday next the Twenty Seventh of November Currant, at Three O'Clock, After Noon. ———

Monday, November, 27th. 1738. ———

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

The Select Men Presented the Draft of a By-Law for Weighing of Hay ——— Read.

Which is as follows, Vizt.

Whereas, the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston labour under difficulties and hardships in respect of the weight of Hay brought to Market, by reason whereof Disputes often arise between the Buyer and Seller ——— And it being propos'd, As a Remedy therefor to Erect [323.] An Engine at the Entrance into the Town convenient for Weighing of Hay ———

It is therefore ordered,

That from and after the first Day of March next ensuing, Provided the said Engine be then Erected, All Carts, and other Carriages of Hay as they come into Town, shall be Weighed, and a Tally with the Weight of the Cart and Hay be then fix'd upon it, and that the Cart or Carriage upon its return be Tared, and the Weight thereof mark'd on it.

That a Suitable Person be appointed by the Town for such Term of Time as they shall think convenient, to take care that the said Engine be kept in good Repair, and to see the Weight of all Hay thus brought to Market, and to Tally the same, and mark the carriages on their return as aforesaid. And that the said Person shall be under Oath to do Justice between Buyer and Seller, and shall attend from Sun-rising to Sun-setting, and shall make an Entry of all the Hay he weighs.

That there be allowed to the said Person for every Load of Hay so weigh'd, Four pence for each Hundred of Hay so weigh'd, to be

paid by the Person who buys the same: Or in case of his absence at the Time of Weighing, then to be paid by the Importer, who shall be reimbursed by the Buyer.

That after the said first Day of March, and the Erecting the said Engine, If any Person Inhabitant of the Town of Boston aforesaid, shall Buy any Hay thus brought to Market, without the same be first weigh'd as above, He or they shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every load or parcel so bought.

Mr. Marion made a motion, that Mr. Nathanael Wardell's name might be mentioned in the preamble of the By-Law for Weighing of Hay —— he being the Person that proposes to Erect the Engine. Accordingly

The Question being put,

Voted in the Negative.

[**324.**] The foregoing Order or By-Law, having been Read, three several times ——

Voted, That the same be Accepted, And that the Select Men be, and hereby are directed to Present it to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next to be holden at Boston, for their Approbation.

Mr. Hugh Vans from the Committee appointed the 21st. instant, to draw up an Answer to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Rumney-Marsh — Presented the same —— Which was Read —— and is as follows.

> Pursuant to the Vote of the Town, the 21st. of November instant, The Committee appointed to draw up an Answer to a Petition of some of the Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh which they have prefer'd to the General Court, Praying that they may be set off, as a Separate Township —— Have Attended that Service, and Accordingly have Drafted and Signed, an

Answer, which they now Present to the Town, Viz^{t}.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay }

> To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esquire Captain General and Governour in Chief, the Honourable the Council, and Honourable House of Representatives of said Province, in General Court assembled at Boston, the Thirtieth of November 1738.

The Answer of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, to the Petition of a small number [**325.**] Of the Inhabitants of the District, Number Thirteen — commonly called Rumney Marsh, part of said Town, to this Honourable Court —— Praying that they may be set off as a distinct Township, for a Suggested Reason Contained in said Petition.

The Town of Boston, Humbly Sheweth,

That Some of the Inhabitants of the District of Rumney Marsh did on the Thirty first of January, One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty four, Prefer a Petition, and on the thirteenth of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven prefer one other Petition to the Town of Boston, in order to obtain from said Town Several Advantages, and also to be set off as a distinct Township.

In regard to Said Petitions, the Town appointed two Several Committees to hear the Petitioners, Consider of, and Report what they thought adviseable for the Town to do thereon. Which Service they accordingly performed ——— The Copy of which Petitions with the Reports thereon, We humbly beg leave to lay before this Honourable Court.

And We may Justly Observe, and say,

That in Answer to all their Petitions and Complaints heretofore made, where there has been the least colour, the Town have readily pointed out proper Remedies, and stand ready to afford them.

And the Petitioners having been Conscious that the Town are ready to do so, have betaken themselves to this slender Plea, of Passing Winnisimet Ferry; Which We apprehend they would never have done, were there not some Secret Springs of their Actions, which we cannot Account for, notwithstanding all their dutiful and affectionate Regard to their Mother Town, so fully express'd in their present Petition.

But, Inasmuch as they think it most for their Service to lay so great Stress upon That Single, tho' [**326.**] Small inconvenience, We think it incumbent upon us to Observe, That there has ever been given them, so little interruption in that matter, as that Neither they nor their predecessors have ever heretofore thought it sufficient cause of Complaint to the Town, nor can they Say, that One year in Ten (Communibus Annis) for the Time past, they have been prevented in giving their Attendance at Town-Meetings: Nor can it be reasonably Supposed that for the future they will be otherwise interrupted by that means, which they make no difficulty of in daily exposing themselves to, in the common affairs of Life ——— But should they, Yet their coming by Penny-Ferry will be attended with very little charge and trouble.

We would now humbly beg leave to lay before Your Excellency and Honours the unreasonableness of the Prayer of said Petition,

I. In Respect to the Inhabitants of that District.

It ought reasonably to be Supposed, that When any Petition is prefer'd to this Honourable Court for such a Separation as is desired by the Petitioners, that it is the Mind of the Principal number of the Inhabitants, Or to remove some Grand Inconvenience, Or to preserve Peace and good Order, Or lessen the Charge with which said District labours under their present Circumstances ——— Neither of which We apprehend can by any means be pleaded in the present Case.

For, It's very Observable, that Not One Third part of the Inhabitants of that District have Signed their Names to any of the Petitions, And consequently that they cannot by any means be thought as consenting thereto ——— More Especially, John Yeamans Esquire, Joseph Thompson Esquire, nor their Agents, nor the Reverend Doctor Sewall, are any ways privy to the deliberations had, nor [**327.**] Drafting of, nor Presenting said Petition to this Honourable Court, notwithstanding they are the Proprietors of Noddles-Island, Hog-Island, and very valuable Farms at Rumney-Marsh. And further, We find by the Rates

and Taxes, that One Hundred and Twenty one Persons are Rated and Taxed within the said District, and but Twenty Eight Persons Names Subscribed to the depending Petition.

And as to any grand Inconvenience ——— All that is pretended is, the small trouble of passing a Ferry which We Humbly conceive, would not have carried so great Weight with it (tho' all the Inhabitants of that District had Subscribed to the Petition) as to have Influenced this Honourable Court to separate such a valuable Member from the Body of the Town of Boston, Especially considering how small a Tract of Land, and how unable they are to Support the necessary Charge of a Separate Township.

And as to the promoting of Peace and good Order ——— It can never be Supposed, that the Granting the Prayer of such a Small Number of Petitioners, whereby a much larger, and more valuable Number must be necessarily concluded, can ever be attended with such desireable Effects.

And as to the lessening the small and favourable Charges with which the said District has been Assessed It is very reasonable to Suppose, that their Charge will (upon such a Separation) be near doubled.

II. In Regard to the Town of Boston.

We humbly Apprehend, that by such a Separation the Town will be Strip'd of a very valuable Revertion, which will revert to the Gospel Ministry in the Town of Boston; under certain regulaitons, being no less than Three or more very valuable Farms at Winnisimet ——— being part of the Estate of Governour Bellingham [**328.**] Bequeathed to his Wife, after his Wives Decease then to his Son, and his Daughter, and after their Decease the whole Estate to pass, and the Annual Income to be Applied to the Encouragement of the Gospel Ministry, &c. As by an Extract from the Record in the Probate Office for the County of Suffolk, may more fully appear.

Moreover, It's well known that the Town of Boston labours under very distressing Circumstances upon many accounts.

The visible Declension of Trade, and the growing Advantages of the Husbandman, especially those, who by the nearness of their Lands to the Town of Boston, have the greatest Opportunity of making Such Singular Advantages, as the Members of the Town of Boston under their present Circumstances are very great Strangers to, especially this valuable part of our Body (call'd Rumney Marsh) Who by the Indulgence of this Town are grown Rich, and well Able to help Us, under Our present difficulties. For Boston being the Receptacle of almost all the Poor that come into this Province, by reason that most Foreigners fix here, and cannot be prevented, Provided, they bring with them the value of Fifty Pounds, or are able bodied Trades-men, or Indented Servants, or Sailors under most Circumstances, Create so great a Charge to this Town, that, instead of having the least of our Members Separated from Us, We cannot but Hope and Desire, that this Honourable Court will so far take Our Distressed Circumstances under their most wise and just Consideration, that they will afford Us such Aids and Advantages as may in some Measure Extricate Us therefrom

And, inasmuch as the General Court [**329.**] Of this Province, at their Session the Third of September One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Four, Annexed Winnisimet and Rumney Marsh to the Town of Boston ——— So, We cannot but Hope and Desire, that this Honourable Court will not, without the strongest Reasons, and most pressing Necessity, Separate that valuable Member from Us.

All which is Humbly Submitted.

HUGH VANS.
JOS. MARION.
JA^S^. ALLEN.
EDW. BROMFIELD
NATH^L^. CUNNINGHAM.

Nov. 27th. 1738.

Upon Reading the foregoing Report there arose some debate upon that Paragraph which relates to Governour Bellingham's Estate; Whereupon,

The Question was put, Viz^t^. Whether that Paragraph should stand as part of the Answer of the Town of Boston to the said Petition?

Voted in the Affirmative

Voted, That the Committees Report of an Answer to the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Rumney Marsh, now Read, be Accepted.

Voted, That the Said Answer be fairly transcribed, and that the Select Men be, and hereby are directed to Sign the same, and deliver it to the Representatives of Boston, by them to be Presented to the Great and General Court, as the Towns Answer to the said Petition.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be Presented to the Gentlemen the Committee, for their Pains in drafting the Answer of the Town of Boston to the Rumney Marsh Petition.

Then the Meeting was dismiss'd.

[**330.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, and warned according to Law, in Public Town-Meeting Assembled, at the Town-House on Monday the 12th. March, A.D. 1738.

Prayer being made by the Rev. Mr. William Welsted,

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting —— Read,

The Town then proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator —— and the Votes being accordingly Collected, it Appear'd that Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Unanimously Chosen.

Sundry Laws —— Read.

Sundry Petitions, Reports, Proposals & Motions, Viz^t^.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for liberty to Erect a Brick Wall with Tombs, on the Front of the Old Burying Place, in Treamount Street. Read.

A Petition of Nathanael Wardell Junr. Praying that he may be Appointed Weigher of Hay. Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that some method may be projected for Destroying Rats. Read.

A Petition of Nathanael Barber, Collector. Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for Ringing the Bell belonging to the West Meeting House, at the usual Hours & at the Towns Charge. Read.

A Petition of the Masters of the Fire Engines. Read.

A Report of the Select Men, on the Visitation of the Publick Schools. ——— Read.

A Motion was made, that the Town would Consider, Whether some thing may not be done to enforce the due Execution of the By-Law, for Preventing Selling Butchers Meat by Steel-yards.

A Motion was made by Mr. William Salter, for Preventing the Water which comes out of the Common, from running down into Winter Street.

[**331.**] A Motion was made by Mr. William Salter, for Making a Gate, for the more convenient carting of Powder from the Bull Wharf &c. to the Powder House in the Common.

A Motion was made by the Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. for seting a row of Posts and Rails from the Granary up to Beacon Street, to prevent Carts &c. from Spoiling the Herbage of the Common.

A Motion was made by Mr. Benjamin Russell, for the filling up of Wheelers Pond so call'd, in Pond Street.

A Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Marion, that the Trustees for the Town of Boston's proportion of the Loan of Sixty Thousand Pounds, be desired to take especial Care to prevent the Towns being Assess'd, on Account of the neglect or deficiency of any of the Borrowers.

A Motion was made by Doctor George Steuart, for transporting of Powder to and from the Powder House by Water, and not thro' the streets of the Town.

The Inhabitants then proceeded to the Choice of Town Officers, &c.

Samuel Gerrish was unanimously Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing; and Sworn by the Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire

Voted to proceed to the Choice of Seven Select Men.

A Motion being made and seconded, for deferring the Choice of Select Men untill the Adjournment of this Meeting, The Question was accordingly put —— And Pass'd in the Negative.

The Votes for Select Men being Collected and sorted —— It appeared the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office, for the year ensuing, Viz^{t}.

[**332.**]

The Hon. John JeffriesEsq^{r}	Select Men.
Capt. Jonathan Armitage.	
Mr. David Collson.	
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.	
Caleb Lyman Esqr.	
Mr. Jonas Clarke.	
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr.	

The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Unanimously Chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing, and Sworn by the Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.

Upon a Motion made ——

Voted, To proceed to bring in Votes for a County Treasurer, this Afternoon, at Five O'Clock.

Voted, To Chuse Twelve Constables for the Year Ensuing: And to Chuse Collectors of Taxes distinct from them.

The Votes for Twelve Constables being accordingly Collected and Sorted, It appeared the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office for the Year ensuing.
Viz^{t}.

Messrs.	George Rogers . .	Pay	Constables
	David Jeffries . .	Pay	
	Joseph Lee . .	Paid 1736.	
	Samuel Allyn . .	Excus'd	
	John Clear . . .	Sworn	
	Jonathan Lowder .	Excus'd	
	Elisha Hutchinson .	Pay	
	Samuel Gibbon . .	Paid 1723.	
	Jonathan Cushing		
	Ebenezer Simpson .	Sworn	
	Nathanael Bethune .	Pay	
	James Adams . .	Pay	

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till three of the Clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, the Town being again Assembled ———

[333.] A Petition of Mr. Nathanael Wardell Junr Praying that he may be appointed and Impowered by the Town to be the Weigher of Hay bro't to Market; Or that the Town would specially impower the Select Men to transact the Agreement with him about the Premisses, for Reasons Mentioned ——— Read, And after some Debate thereon ———

Voted That Mr. Nathanael Wardell Junr. be, and hereby is Appointed and Impowered (at his own cost and charge) to Erect An Engine for Weighing of Hay brought to Market in Carts and other Carriages, and to take the Care of it, to Do the Duty of a Weigher of Hay, and to demand and receive the pay or wages, by Law allow'd for the same; for and during the Space and Term of Seven Years to comence from the Erecting the said Engine —— He the said Wardell behaving well in the said office, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men for the Time being, And also Agreeing with the Select Men of the Town, upon such Conditions, as in the By-Law for Weighing of Hay is already made and provided, and Such other terms and conditions, as the said Select Men shall think needful and convenient for the Service of the Town, the said Wardell also Erecting the said Engine in such Place, and within such Time as shall be approved of by them. ——

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Twelve Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing —— And the Votes being Collected, it appear'd that the following Gentlemen were Chosen. Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.	Overseers of Poor.
John Ruck Esqr.	
Henry Dering Esqr.	
William Tyler Esqr.	
Samuel Greenwood Esqr.	
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood	
Major John Hill	
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.	
Daniel Henchman Esqr.	
Joshua Cheever Esqr.	
Mr. Edward Bromfield	
Capt. William Downe	

[**334.**] Upon a Motion made by John Ruck Esqr. That Where as he had, for Twenty Years past, Serv'd the Town as an Overseer of the Poor, and being advanced in Years, He Prays they would now Excuse him from Serving longer in that Office. Which Motion being Consider'd,

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to John Ruck Esqr. for his good service as one of the Overseers of the Poor, for so long time; And that He be Excused from any further Service in that Office accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Hunt be One of the Overseers of the Poor, for the Year ensuing, in the Room of John Ruck Esqr.

Voted, To proceed to Chuse Seven Assessors for the Year ensuing. Accordingly, the Votes being Collected, it Appeared, the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office.———

Viz^{t}.

Messrs. John Staniford	Assessors.
Richard Buckley	
Peter Thomas	
Joshua Blanchard	
William Thomas	
Jacob Parker	
William Salter	

According to the Order in the Forenoon, the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer — Which being Collected, were, according to Law, Sealed up by Constable John Clear, by him to be kept, and return'd unto the next Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Suffolk.

The following Persons were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Viz^{t}.			
	Messrs. Henry Lloyd .	Constables	Pay
	Caleb Richardson .		Pay
[**335.**]	Benjamin Dolbeare		Pay
	Peter Cade . .		Excus'd
	William Tyler .		Pay
	George Holmes .		Pay
	Cord Cordis . .		Sworn
	James Allen, Tayler		Pay

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Monday next, the Nineteenth Current, at Nine O'Clock, in the Forenoon.

Monday, March, 19th. 1738.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Messrs.	Arthur Savage. .	Hogreves.	Sworn
	Theophilus Lillie .		Pay
	Benjamin Neal. .		Sworn
	John Marshall Cooper		Sworn.

were Chosen Hogreves for the year ensuing.

Messrs.	Joseph Russell .	Fence Viewers.	Sworn
	John Indicott .		Sworn
	Hopestill Foster		Sworn
	Thomas Jones .		Sworn
	Joshua Thornton		Sworn
	Caleb Ray .		Sworn
	Benjamin Russell		Sworn

were Chosen Fence-Viewers for the year ensuing.

Messrs.	Edward Moberly	Surveyors of Shingles &c.	Sworn
	Edward Richards		Sworn
	William Pain .		Sworn
	Joseph White .		Sworn
	Matthew Barnard		Sworn
	Joseph Ricks .		Sworn

were Chosen Surveyors of Boards, Timber, Shingles &c. for the Year ensuing.

Mr. Isaac Gridley was Chosen Surveyor of Hemp for the Year ensuing.

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Messrs.	John Helyer .	Cullers of Staves.	Sworn
	Samuel Green .		Sworn
	Harvey Thomas		Sworn
	Joseph Ingraham		Sworn
	John Hobbs .		Sworn

were Chosen Cullers of Staves for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the High Ways, for the Year ensuing.

Messrs.	Robert Williams .	Sealers of Leather.	Sworn
	Nathanael Hodgdon		Sworn
	Samuel May . .		Sworn
	William Dorrington		Sworn
	John Allen . .		Sworn
	Josiah Carter .		Sworn

were Chosen Sealers of Leather for the Year ensuing.

Mr. Richard-Carter Cowell, was Chosen Haward for the year ensuing.

The Report of the Select Men of the Visitation of the Public Schools, being Presented, was Read, as follows. Viz^t.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, in Town Meeting assembled, Mar. 12. 1738.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at their annual Meeting the 13th. of March, 1737. Desiring Us the Select Men to Visit the several Public Schools in the Town, &c. ———

We accordingly Attended that Service on the 26th. of June last past, Accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^t.

The Hon. Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.

The Hon. Adam Winthrop Esqr.

The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
[337.] The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Rev. Mr. William Hooper
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Mather.

And now Report, as follows.

That the Number of Scholars instructed in the Public Schools is as follows, Viz^{t}.

In the South Grammar School, about One Hundred and Twenty.
In the North Grammar School, about Sixty.
In the North Writing School, about Two Hundred & Eighty.
In the Writing School in Queen Street, about Seventy three.
In the South Writing School, about Sixty two. ——

That We heard the Performances of the Lattin Scholars at each Grammar School, And inspected the Performances of the Scholars in the other Schools, both in Writing and Arithmetick, And heard the younger Scholars read —— And that in general they perform'd to the great Satisfaction of the Visitors —— And We have grounds to hope that the Masters in the said several Schools do faithfully Discharge the Trust reposed in them.

And We look upon it as a point of Justice due to the Master of the South Writing School, to Report, that the Writing both of the Master and Scholars has been of late much improved. ——

JOHN JEFFRIES.
JON^{A}. ARMITAGE.
DAVID COLLSON.
ALEX^{A}. FORSYTH.
CALEB LYMAN.
JONAS CLARKE.
THO^{S}. HUTCHINSON Junr
} Select Men.

Voted, That the Report of the Select Men, of the Visitation of the Schools, now Read, be Accepted ——

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Visit the Public Schools within the Town, the year ensuing, Desiring such Gentlemen to accompany them therein, as they shall think proper, And that they Report thereon.

[338.] Upon a Motion made by the Select Men ——

The Moderator proposed to the Town, that they would proceed to the Choice of Tything Men.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, Praying that the Bell belonging to the West Meeting House in Lynde Street, may be rung at the Hours of Nine, Five and One, for the Accomodation of the Inhabitants of that part of the Town, and that the Charge thereof may be born by the Town as Usual. —— Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, and that the Customary Allowance be made for the said Service, to be paid out of the Town Treasury.

A Petition of Mr. Bartholomew Sutton and Others Masters of the Fire Engines, in behalf of themselves and their respective Companies —— Praying they may be exempted from serving in other Town Offices the year ensuing, for Reasons mentioned. ——

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted.

A List of Persons Qualified to serve on the Petit Jury, being presented by the Select Men, for the Towns Approbation, as the Law directs ——

The said List was Read, and Approved.

Upon a Motion, and Representation that 'tis not for the Interest of the Town, to appoint any particular Person to attend at the North Granary or Meal-House as usual, for Reasons mentioned.—

Voted, That there be no Person specially Appointed to give Attendance at the North Granary or Meal-House until further Order; But, that the Committee for Purchasing of Grain, and making Regulations for the Selling and Disposing the same, be and hereby are Desired; from time to time, as Occasion shall require [**339.**] To Supply the said Granary with such Quantities of Grain and Meal, as they shall think fit, and procure some Person, with as little Charge to the Town as may be, to sell it out to the Inhabitants.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Committee for laying out the Money appropriated for Purchasing Grain; And that the said Committee be Impowered to give all needful directions to the Overseer of the Granary, respecting the Quantitys of Grain to be sold, and setting the price thereof, from time to time.

Voted, That the Committee for Purchasing Grain &c. consist of Three Persons —— And that the Choice be made by written Votes.

The Votes being accordingly Collected, It appeared, that the following Gentlemen were Chosen a Committee for the Ends aforesaid. Viz^{t}.

Henry Dering Esqr.	Committee for Grain &c.
Mr. Peter Thomas	
Mr. Robert Rand	

The Select Men's Report of their Examination of Mr. Francis Willoughby's Account of the Granary for the year past, and Entred in Mr. Willoughby's Book —— Read ——

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted, And Accordingly, That Mr. Willoughby be further Accountable for Thirteen Hundred and Sixteen Bushels of Indian Corn, and Three Hundred and Twenty five Bushels of Rie, a stock remaining in the Granary; And also for the Sum of Two Hundred Sixty Six Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Seven pence in Bills of Credit, remaining in his hands.

The following Persons were Chosen Constables for the Year Ensuing, Viz^{t}.

	Mr. Nicholas Boylston . .	Pay Constables.
	Mr. William Vassal, Excus'd .	
	Mr. Joseph Wise . . .	Pay
[**340.**]	Mr. Thomas Baxter . .	Pay Constables.
	Mr. John Hunt . . .	Pay
	Mr. Joseph Lewes . . .	Sworn

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Eight Clerks of the Market, for the year ensuing. The Votes being Collected and sorted, it appear'd that the following Persons were Chosen to that Office. — Viz^{t}.

Messrs. John Gridley .	Sworn	Clerks of the Market
William Scott .	Sworn	
Stephen Winter.	Sworn	
Benjamin Edwards	Sworn	
John Wells .	Sworn	
Henry Pigeon .	Sworn	
Samuel Rand Junr.	Pay	
Samuel Parkman	Excus'd	

The following Persons were Chosen Scavengers for the Year ensuing. ——

Viz^t. Messrs. Jeremiah Belknap		Scavengers.
John Taylor		
Thomas Boucher		
Nathanael Gardner		
George Monk		
John Hooton		
George Skinner		
Jabez Hunt		
John Holyoke		
Richard Hubbard		
John Lambert		
Samuel Ridgaway		

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Liberty, at their own Cost and Charge to Erect and Build a Row of Tombs, and to Raise a good Brick Fence in the Front of the Old Burying Place, abutting on Tremount Street, they and their Heirs or Assigns [**341.**] Always keeping the same in Sufficient Repair. Read.

After some Debate thereon. ———

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, Upon Condition, that the said Work be carried on, and perform'd in a way and manner agreeable to, and according to the Orders and Directions of the Select Men, who are also hereby Impowered to Grant and Assign the Tombs when Erected to the several Grantees, they giving sufficient Assurance to the satisfaction of the Select Men, that they, their Heirs or Assigns Shall keep, uphold and maintain the said Brick Wall and Tombs in good and sufficient Repair, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to the approbation of the Select Men of the Town for the Time being.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till Three O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, the Town being again Assembled ——

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that some methods may be projected for the Destruction of Rats, with which the Town is very much infested, Read ———

And the Question being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted?

Voted, in the Negative, And therefore that the Petition be Dismiss'd.

Upon a Motion made at the Opening this Meeting, for a row of Posts and Rails to be set from the Granary in Common Street, upwards to Beacon Street; in order to prevent Carts, &c. passing upon and through the Common, and Spoiling the Herbage thereof. The Town taking the Motion into Consideration,

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Impower'd and Desired, to take effectual Care that the same be performed in the best way and manner, for the Ends aforesaid.

[342.] Mr. William Owen was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing.

Mr. William Owen Appearing Pray'd that he might be Excused from Serving as a Clerk of the Market for this year, for Reasons mentioned. ———

Accordingly the Question being put, It pass'd in the Affirmative.

Mr. Andrew Boardman was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing, and Sworn.

The Motion made at the Opening the Meeting — for preventing Selling Butcher's Meat by Steelyards was taken under Consideration —— And the By-Law relating thereto —— Read.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to give it in charge to the Person or Persons by them Employ'd to inspect the Market, and prosecute the breaches of the By-Laws and Orders of the Town —— That they be especially Careful to prosecute all Persons they shall find Transgressing the said By-Law.

A Motion made at the Opening the Meeting, for preventing the Water which comes out of the Common from running down through Winter Street, was Considered, and after some Debate thereon,

Voted, That the Affair be refer'd to the Select Men, Who are hereby Desired to View the Place, —— Consider what may be proper for the Town to do therein, Compute the Charge, and Report thereon at the next General Town Meeting.

The following Persons were Chosen Constables, for the Year ensuing.

Viz^t.	Mr. John Dennie .	Pay	Constables.
	Capt. William Fletcher	Excus'd	
[343.]	Mr. David Cutler .	Pay	
	Mr. John Russell .	Sworn	
	Mr. William Paine .	Pay	
	Mr. John Tudor .	Sworn	

The Town proceeded to the Choice of Three Collectors of the Rates and Taxes, for the year ensuing —— The Votes being Collected, It appear'd that the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office.

Viz^t.	Capt. Daniel Pecker .	Refuse	Collectors.
	Capt. Nathanael Barber	Refuse	
	Mr. Jacob Sheafe .	Sworn	

Voted, That Nine Pence upon the Pound, be and hereby is Allowed to the Several Collectors of Taxes, within the Town of Boston for the year ensuing —— They giving Bond, with Sufficient Suretys, for the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

The Gentlemen who were Chosen in the Forenoon, A Committee for Purchasing Grain, and for Regulating the Sale of it, having Refused to Serve the Town in that Office ——

Voted, That the Choice of a Committee for Purchasing Grain, and for Regulating the Sale thereof, be referr'd to the next General Town Meeting —— And in the mean Time, That the Select Men

be, and hereby are Desired to take Effectual Care for the Preservation of Grain from Spoil, and for selling off the Stock now in the Granary — And that they give Directions accordingly, As they shall think most for the Advantage of the Town.

Messrs. John Baker	.	Sworn	Constables.
Thomas Warden	.	Pay	
John Decoster	.	Excus'd	
Jonathan Hartshorn		Sworn	

Were Chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

[**344.**] Whereas the Committee appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts, have not as yet Reported thereon,

Voted, That the Town Treasurers Allowance for his Service in that Office the year past, together with the Choice of a Committee for Auditing the Acco^{ts}. of the year ensuing, be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Upon the Motion made at the Opening this Meeting, for Filling up Wheelers Pond, so call'd, in Pond Street —— After some Debate thereon,

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Enquire into the State and Circumstances thereof, to Consider the Agreement formerly made between the Select Men, and Giles Dyer Esqr. relating to its lying Open for a Watering place forever —— And Report what may be best, in their Judgment, for the Town to Do therein, at the next General Town Meeting.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. Joseph Marion at the Opening this Meeting, that the Trustees for the Town of Boston's proportion of the Loan of Sixty Thousand Pounds might be Desired to take Especial Care to prevent the said Town's being Assess'd on Acco^{t}. of the Neglect or Deficiences of any of the Borrowers.

Voted, That the Trustees for the Towns proportion of the said Loan of Sixty Thousand Pounds be and hereby are Desired to take Effectual Care that the Borrowers of that Money pay in the same, that so the Town may not come to be Assess'd for any of their Deficiences.

Upon a Motion made by Doctor Steuart at the Opening this Meeting, for transporting of Powder to and from the Powder House by Water carriage, and not through the Streets of the Town.

Voted, That the Consideration of this Motion be [**345.**] referr'd To the Select Men, Who are hereby Desired to project ways and means for the safe carriage and conveying of Powder to and from the Powder House, And Report thereon, at the next General Town Meeting.

Messrs. Joseph Greenwood	Constables	Sworn
Thomas Flagg .		Excus'd
Joseph Gale .		Sworn
Stephen Hunniwell		

Upon the Information of the Select Men, That Madam Dorothy Salstonstal (late the Widow of Mr. John Frizzel) in and by her last Will and Testament, did Give the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be distributed among the Poor of the Town of Boston, and the further Sum of Twenty Pounds to Buy Bibles and Testaments for such Poor Children whose Parents are not able to give

them —— And upon their Motion, That the Town would Consider of some suitable ways and means for recovering Such a Donation ——

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston be, and hereby are Desired, to wait upon the Executors of the said Madam Salstonstall's Will, and Inform them, It is the Towns Desire that they would Pay the said Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty pounds into the Hands of them the said Overseers, in order to the Distribution thereof, According to the Intention and Will of the Donor. And that they Report thereon at the next General Town Meeting.

The Petition of Mr. Nathanael Barber One of the Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston, Praying the Town would please to refund to him the Sum of Ten pounds Fourteen Shillings and Eight pence, which he has paid into the Town Treasury, for a Tax assess'd upon Mr. Benjamin Rolfe, lately Deceased, for Reasons mentioned. —— Read ——

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted; and that an Order or Draft be made upon the Town Treasurer, for repaying the said Sum of Ten Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Eight pence to the said Nathanael Barber, accordingly.

[**346.**] A Motion being made at the Opening this Meeting, for a Gate to be made into the Common, for the more easy and convenient Carriage of Powder from the Bull Wharf &c. to the Powder House ——

Voted, That this Affair be Referr'd to the Select Men Who are hereby Desired and Impowered to Act therein, as they shall judge most adviseable, for the service of the Town.

Voted, That the Consideration of Raising Money for Defraying the necessary Charges of the Town for the year ensuing be, and hereby is referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be given to Mr. Cushing the Moderator, for his great Pains in Regulating, and giving such Dispatch to the Affairs of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, in Public Town-Meeting Assembled, upon Wednesday the Second Day of May, Anno Domini, 1739.

at the Town-House.

Prayer was made by the Reverend Mr. Charles Chauncy.

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting —— Read.

The Sheriffs Precept —— Read.

Sundry Laws, —— Read ——

Then,

The Honourable John Jeffries Esquire, One of the Select Men, and in Their Name, Propos'd to the Inhabitants Assembled, to proceed to [**347.**] the Choice of a Person or Persons to serve for and Represent them, in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be Held the Thirtieth of May Current, at Boston. And in Order thereto, to Consider and Ascertain the Number of Gentlemen so to be Elected ——

And the Question being put,

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

Then the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for Four Representatives —— Which being Collected and Number'd —— The Number of Voters were found to be, Six Hundred and Thirty Five.

The Votes being Sorted and Number'd ——

It appear'd, the following Gentlemen were duly Elected, by a Majority of the Votes, Viz^{t}.

	No. of Votes.
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.	624
Mr. Edward Bromfield	430
Mr. James Allen	336
Mr. Christopher Kilby	411.

The Election of the Representatives being Ended, the Select Men declared the same —— And the Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator and Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Chosen by a great Majority.

A Motion was made by Capt Nathanael Cunningham, that the Town would Give Instructions to the Representatives now Chosen.

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned, to Three O'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

[348.] Several Petitions, Proposals and Reports were Read ——

Viz^{t}.

A Petition of Capt. Daniel Pecker and Others, Collectors of Taxes for the year, 1738. ——

Mr. Joseph Marion's Proposals for a Committee to Consider of Means for retrenching the annual Charge of the Town &c. ——

The Select Mens Report relating to the filling up Wheeler's Pond.

The Select Mens Report relating to the Transporting of Powder to and from the Powder House, by Water.

The Select Mens Report relating to Winter Street.

Mr. John Staniford's Petition to the Great and General Court relating to the Building a Bridge Over Charles River —— with the Courts Order thereon.

Then the Town proceeded to the Choice of Several Officers, Viz^{t}.

Mr. John Wheatly . .	Constables	Sworn
Mr. Francis Beteilhe . .		Sworn

were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Mr. Benjamin Brown, (Ship-joyner) was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing. Sworn.

Mr. John Blowers was Chosen One of the Hogreves, for the year ensuing.

A Motion being made and seconded, Viz^{t}. —— That the Town would (According to Order, as Enter'd the 19th. of March last

past) proceed to [**349.**] The Choice of a Committee for laying out the Money appropriated for Purchasing Grain —— In Order thereto A previous Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would Chuse the said Committee by a Hand Vote?

Voted in the Affirmative.

Accordingly

Messrs. Edward Jackson
Andrew Tyler and
John Salter .

Were Chosen a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That the said Committee be, and hereby are Desired and Impowered to give all needful Directions to the Overseer of the Granary, respecting the Quantities of Grain to be sold, and setting the Price thereof, from time to time.

The Report of the Select Men, upon a Motion made at a Public Town Meeting the 12th. March last past, for Preventing the Water which comes out of the Common from running down thro' Winter Street —— Read. And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town as above, We the Subscribers have Considered the Affair referred to Us, have View'd the Place —— And Report thereon, as follows, Viz^{t}.

That, Whereas in Time past, the Water from Beacon Street principally run across the Common, and so took its course into Winter Street —— We apprehend the same is now intirely prevented by the raising the Ground in the Common, near the Entrance into the said Street —— So that now, the Water from Beacon Street will Spread over the Common, and as little run down thro' Winter Street, as thro' most Streets in the Town.

Wherefore, We are of Opinion, there is no Occasion for the Town to do any thing further thereon.

[**350.**] All which is Submitted &c. —

JOHN JEFFRIES
JONATHAN ARMITAGE
Boston, Apr. 30. 1739. CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
THOMAS HUTCHINSON Junr.

After Considerable Debate thereon —— The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether this Report be Accepted?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

Upon which, Mr. Salter desiring Liberty to lay some Proposals in Writing before the Town relating to this Affair, for their Consideration —— The Question was accordingly put ——

And Pass'd in the Affirmative.

The Report of the Select Men, Upon a Motion made, at a Public Town Meeting the 12th. March last past, for transporting of Powder to and from the Powder House, by Water carriage and not thro' the Streets of the Town ——

Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town as above, We the Subscribers have Considered the Affair referred to Us, And Report thereon, as follows, Viz^{t}.

That the Safest Way of Conveying Powder to the Powder House, is to do it by Water, at all Times while the River remains Open; And Therefore, that all Persons Importing Powder be Obliged to convey it from on board Ship, in a Cover'd Boat or Boats, to the bottom of the Common, near the Powder House, and that it be carried from [**351.**] The said Boats to the Powder House, in a cover'd Cart or Carts unshod; And in the Winter Season, while the river remains frozen, that it be brought from on board ship in cover'd Boats as aforesaid, unto the Bull Wharf, at the South End of the Town, and from thence convey'd in Cover'd Carts unshod to the Powder House.

And in Order thereto, We think it adviseable, That the Gentlemen Who may be Elected to Represent this Town in the Great and General Court approaching, be desired and directed to Use their Endeavours, that a Law may be Enacted for this End, with a Penalty annexed.

As to the Carrying Powder from the Powder House thro' the Town —— We Apprehend the Law of this Province, already made and provided, to prevent danger by Careless Persons carrying it Uncover'd (if duly Observ'd) may be sufficient. ——

All Which is Submitted &c.

John Jeffries
Jonathan Armitage
David Collson
Boston, Apr. 30. 1739. Alexander Forsyth
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hutchinson Junr.

After some Debate —— and upon a Motion made —— The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether it may not be more Convenient to have the Powder landed at some Wharf more to the Southward of the Bull Wharf?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

The Question being put, Whether this Report shall be Accepted? Voted, in the Affirmative.

The Select Mens Report upon a Motion made at a Public Town Meeting the 12th March last past, for [**352.**] Filling up Wheeler's Pond —— Read —— And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town as above, We the Subscribers have Attended the Service Desired of Us, And have taken Advice relating thereto, — And accordingly Report as follows, Viz^{t}.

That it is with the Town to give leave for Filling up the said Pond, if they see fit, And We are of Opinion it may be convenient to have it so done accordingly.

All which is Submitted, &c ——

John Jeffries
Jonathan Armitage
David Collson
Boston, May, 2, 1739. Alexander Forsyth
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hutchinson Junr.

Voted, That the further Consideration of this Report be referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Some Proposals in writing being presented by Mr. William Salter, for the Towns Consideration relating to Winter Street, They were Read —— And are as follows, Viz^{t}.

Boston, May 2. 1739.

I the Subscriber Promise, for the Sum of Twenty Pounds in Bills of Credit to me in Hand paid, to Employ a Team with a Plough to raise the Ground about Ten foot from the Rayls **[353.]** Leading down the Common, and Carry the Water over the Common, in a Gutter towards the Powder House, and so to carry the Water that now runs down Winter Street in the aforesaid Gutter to be ploughed up, and to take the Dirt that shall obstruct the Water, and lay the same at the Head of Winter Street to prevent the Water coming down the same —— And that I will keep the same in Repair for the Term of Seven Years from the Date thereof without any Charge to the Town.——

W^{M}. SALTER.

Whereupon, a Motion being Made and Seconded ——

Voted, to Chuse a Committee of Five Gentlemen, to Consider the Proposals made by Mr. Salter, to View the Ground, and to Report to the Town (at the intended Adjournment of this Meeting, or at the next General Town Meeting) What they think proper to be done in the Affair.

Voted, that

The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Marion
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Major Samuel Sewall
Mr. John Staniford.

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

The Motion made by Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, at the Opening this Meeting, for giving Instructions to the Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston now Elected, being taken into Consideration —— After some Debate thereon, The following Question was put, Viz^{t}.

Whether the Town would give any Instructions to their Representatives?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted to Chuse a Committee of Five Gentlemen to Draw up Instructions for the Representatives accordingly.

[354.] Voted, That,

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham
Mr. Hugh Vans
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Benjamin Pollard
Mr. Middlecott Cooke

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Voted, That in Drafting the said Instructions the Committee be and hereby are Directed to make it one of the Articles Viz^{t}. That the Said Representatives Do all that lies in their Power to Obtain the Appointment of An Agent for the Honourable

House of Representatives, to Appear and Act for them at the Court of Great Britain, distinctly and separately from the Agent or Agents of the whole General Court.

Voted, That the said Committee be further Directed to Draw Instructions to the said Representatives, On the following Heads, Viz^{t}.

The Extraordinary Proportion which the Town of Boston Pays, of the Public Taxes of the Province, compared with other Towns.

The Trade of the Province, and

The Medium, Or Paper Currency.

Voted, That the Committee be Desired to lay their Draft of the Instructions before the Town for their Consideration, at the intended Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Proposals for Retrenching the Charges of the Town, Exhibited by Mr. Joseph Marion, at the Opening this Meeting, were Read again, and are as follows Viz^{t}.

To the Freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in Town-Meeting regularly Assembled, May, 2^{d} 1739.

[**355.**] Whereas the Charges of the Town of Boston are become a very great and heavy Burthen on the Inhabitants thereof, so that the greatest Number by far are not well able to bear up under the same ——

It is therefore proposed by the Subscriber — That a Committee be appointed to Consider of Ways and Means for Retrenching and Lessening the Annual heavy growing Charge of this Town. ——

And also to take under Consideration the present distressed Circumstances thereof, and Receive such Proposals as may be preferred and exhibited to them, for the Relief of this Town, and Inhabitants of the same — And that such Committee make Report to the Town on the Premisses, so soon as conveniently may be. ——

All which is Submitted ——

p Jos. Marion. ——

And upon a Motion made and seconded by many ——

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Committee of Seven Gentlemen, To Consider of Ways and Means for retrenching and lessening the Annual Charge of this Town. —— And also to consider the present Distressing Circumstances thereof, and to Receive such Proposals as may be Exhibited to them for the Relief of the Inhabitants —— Agreeable to the foregoing Proposals, And that they be Desired to Report to the Town on the Premisses as soon as conveniently may be. ——

Voted That

Mr. Joseph Marion
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Mr. Timothy Prout
Major Samuel Sewall
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. Jacob Parker

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

[**356.**] The Petition of Capt. Daniel Pecker and others Col-

lectors of Taxes for the year 1738, Praying that the Assessors may be allow'd to set upon Abatements until the last Day of October next —— for Reasons mentioned. Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be so far Granted, As that the Assessors be and hereby are Allow'd to sit upon Abatements, until the last Day of August next ensuing.

The Report of a Committee, appointed the 10th. of May last past, to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts for the year past, As Entred in the Treasurers Book, was Read, Accepted, and

Voted That the Treasurer be Discharged accordingly.

Voted, A Grant of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Pounds, to be Raised by a Tax upon Polls and Estates within the Town of Boston, for Relief of the Poor, and Defraying other Necessary Charges, Arising within and for the said Town, the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be Allow'd and Paid out of the Town Treasury, unto the Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. for his good Service in that Office the Year past.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen a Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts for the year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

Major Samuel Sewall
Mr. Charles Apthorp
Doctor George Steuart } Auditors.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Mr. Christopher Kilby

[**357.**] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday the 18th. of May Current, at Three O'Clock, Afternoon.

Fryday, May, 18th. 1739

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

A Petition of Mr. John Staniford, Presented to the Great and General Court, Praying that he might be favoured with an Order, or Licence from the said Court to take Subscriptions for the Building a Bridge Over Charles River, from the Westerly part of the Town of Boston, to the Honourable Colonel Phip's Farm —— With the Order of Court thereon —— Read —— And,

Upon a Motion Made and Seconded, for Chusing a Committee to take that Affair into Consideration And to Report to the Town, at their next General Town Meeting, What may be proper and convenient to be done thereon —— The Question was accordingly put ——

And Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted That the said Committee consist of Seven Persons.

Voted, that

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Major Samuel Sewall
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson Junr.
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Hugh Hall Esqr.
Henry Dering Esqr.

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

The Committee Appointed the 2nd. of May Current to Draw up

Instructions for the Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston, Reported the Draft the had prepared, according to Order —— As follows, Viz^t.

[358.] The Committee appointed the Second instant, to Draw up Instructions to be given to the Representatives of the Town of Boston, having Attended that Service, They Humbly lay the Draft they have prepared before the Town for their Consideration. Which is as follows. Viz^t.

To Messieurs Thomas Cushing Junr. James Allen, Edward Bromfield and Christopher Kilby.

Gentlemen,

We the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and regularly Assembled having Chosen You for Our Representatives, to Appear for Us in the Great and General Court of this Province for the year ensuing ——

And Whereas the Hardships, Difficulties and Distresses of this Province in General, as well as this Town in particular, are Daily increasing upon Us, and are now got to such a Height, that if the Strictest Application added to the most fruitful Invention does not instantly Appear for Our Relief, We must (in the Eye of Human Reason) Sink under the Burthen and Weight of Our Misfortunes —— And therefore We now Apply to you Our Representatives, with whom We have intrusted the Management of all our public Affairs, And upon Whom (in Conjunction with the other Worthy Members of the Honourable House of Representatives) We instantly depend for Relief under Our most deplorable Circumstances. And, Inasmuch as We have been amus'd with Speculations only, for several years past, few of which have been reduc'd to [359.] Practice, neither have they been attended with the desired Success —— Therefore We sincerely as well as humbly Apprehend Our Danger is such, that Ruin and Destruction must unavoidably Ensue, unless some propitious Expedient be immediately (not only projected but) Practiced for Our Relief.

And Therefore, We most Earnestly Recommend to you, Our Instructions upon several Important Heads.

I. Our Trade, which is so notoriously Decaying every year more and more, and that so Evident, that it needs neither Argument nor Instances to demonstrate it. even to the meanest Capacity: Every One feels it, complains of it, and yet No One hitherto has been so fortunate as to exhibit an Expedient for Our Relief —— We know the Cause, and yet have hitherto been unable to procure any Means to divert the ill Effects.

Our Trade labours under the utmost Discouragements by the extremity of low Markets abroad. Our neighbouring Governments, especially Rhode Island, Who are daily Rivalling of Us in Our Trade, and Medium of Paper Currency, and the liberty they have of Importing the Surplusage of all their Commodities Foreign and Domestick into this Province for Sale at such easy rates; and Our excessive Taxes, add to them Our Impost to be paid in Silver and Gold, and the many Frauds practised in the Quality, Weight and Measure of almost all commodities either Consumed amongst

Us or Bought up for Foreign Markets —— These altogether. are such Burthens, as are Insupportable, and if not rectified will indanger the Trade of the whole Province: For it is Evident beyond Contradiction, that if Rhode Island can make what Paper Bills they please, and Our Hands are ty'd so as we can make none, and yet Our Necessities should Oblige Us to take theirs, and part with valuable Commodities, Nay, even Our Lands for them, if We continue to be heavily Taxed, whilest they are free from Taxes —— What Advantages are there which they will not have over this Province? [**361.**] They may Purchase it all in a few years if they go on and increase in proportion to what they have done for several Years past (Witness the very last Year, in which We gave an Instruction upon this very Head, Since which, that Colony has Emitted, One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Paper Bills, and Notwithstanding An Act of this Province is pass'd, prohibiting the Currency of them amongst Us, Yet, its much to be fear'd (Inasmuch as there has been nothing done within Ourselves, for Our Relief in respect to a Medium) let Our Aversion to their Bills be what they will, and Our Acts against them never so strong, Yet Our Circumstances and Necessities will force the People to take them) And therefore in Order to Increase Our Trade, We Apprehend, it will be absolutely Necessary to have a Sufficient Medium under good regulations, and reject theirs, and to lessen our Taxes, especially Our Impost; And a further Encouragement to Our Trade will be to Enact that a Drawback be Allow'd upon all Foreign Goods imported, Upon which there is a Duty paid, Upon their being re-exported, as is highly reasonable, and the well known Practice of Our Mother Countrey.

II. And Whereas We apprehend ourselves grievously Oppress'd by a very large and disproportionable part of the Province Tax, laid upon us for several years past, compared with the proportion paid by Other Towns within this Province; And However the proportion may have been heretofore thought reasonable, yet as all things are liable to a Mutation, So the Circumstances of this Town of late Years are exceedingly Alter'd by reason several Maritime Towns within this Province are continually Rivalling of Us, and have Actually Stripp'd us of several valuable Branches of Trade, which must necessarily render Us less able to pay Our wonted Tax [**361.**] Whilest they are more able, and ought to Pay a much larger than they have heretofore done. ——

And altho' We have often Complain'd, yet hitherto have had very little Redress, And as the Scarcity of Bills of Credit, and Decay of Our Trade, and Lessening Our Navigation increases upon Us, so Our Taxes ought to be reduced in Proportion —— And therefore We Earnestly Desire You to Scrutinize into the Circumstances, Trade and Taxes of the several Towns within this Province, and so Endeavor that Our Proportion of the Public Province Tax may be reduced, according to Our Circumstances at this Day, Compared with Other Towns.

III. Our Bills of Public Credit, which are of the Utmost Concern to the general Interest of this Province, as well as all the Trading Towns in particular. And as the Distressing Circum-

stances of this Province are increasing upon us in proportion to their being Call'd in, and destroyed, without suitable Provision being made, for somewhat to pass as a Medium in Lieu thereof, So the Consequence must be terrible, if not fatal to this Province —— And therefore We strongly Enjoyn You, Not to Consent to any further Supply of the Treasury for any growing Charge of the Province, Unless the Fund for Discharging the same be put on sutable years after Seventeen Hundred and Forty One.

And as the Taxes are so exceeding high already, and that We may not be left as a Prey to the arbitrary Will of every Officer, Who may Occasionally have any Demand upon Us, in relation to their Fees, We would therefore recommend to You, that You Use Use Your Utmost Endeavour, that the Fees of the Officers may be fixed and ascertained, to prevent Oppression, Uncertainty and Dispute, which will necessarily Arise, Unless some good Law be made to prevent the same.

We likewise Enjoyn You to Oppose the foreclosing the Deliberations of future Assemblies between this and Seventeen Hundred and Forty One relating to the [**362.**] Bills of Public Credit of the Old Tenor, but that They be left Free to Act when the Years shall Come, According as They shall judge most Adviseable for the safety of the Province —— And inasmuch as past Assemblies have interrupted the Opperation of the Province Bills of the Old Tenor, and have not Suffer'd them to pass according to the true Intent of their Emission ; But have made Bills of a New Tenor to Exchange the Old Bills, So that the very Nature of them are intirely Altered, which will inevitably Cause the Utmost Perplexity in the Affairs of the Province, ——

Therefore We likewise Enjoyn You to Use Your Utmost Power and Influence to Obtain an Act for Striking off, so many Bills of the Old Tenor as will re-exchange all the Bills of the New Tenor already Exchanged for the Old, that thereby the said Old Bills may Operate according to their Fund, and as shall be most consistent with the safety of this Province.

And That the growing Charge of this Province added to the Fund already laid for Calling in all Our Paper Currency by Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, may be set in a true Light, to shew the Impracticability, if not Impossibility of its being done, without causing the Utmost Confusion, if not Destruction of this Province —— We herewith present You with the following Account.

1739.	Fund for Calling in this Year, Bills of the Old Tenor .	. ,,	25525 ,,	,,
	Bills of the New Tenor £12500 . . with Two Hundred p Cent Advance upon it, makes .		37500 ,,	,,
	Representatives Pay, in Bills of the Old Tenor . . .		4000 ,,	,,

		Charges of the Current Year, in Bills of the Old Tenor . .	,, 40000 ,,	,,
			£107025 ,,	,,
[363.]	1740.	Fund for Calling in this Year, Bills of the Old Tenor .	,, 25525 ,,	,,
		Bills of the New Tenor £13000. with Two Hundred p Cent Advance upon it, makes . .	,, 39000 ,,	,,
		Representatives Pay, in Bills of the Old Tenor . . .	,, 4000 ,,	,,
		Charges of the Current Year, in Bills of the Old Tenor . .	,, 40000 ,,	,,
			£.108525 ,,	,,
	1741.	Fund for Calling in this Year, Bills of the Old Tenor . .	,, 25525 ,,	,,
		Bills of the New Tenor, £9000. with Two Hundred p Cent advance upon it makes . .	,, 27000 ,,	,,
		Representatives Pay, in Bills of the Old Tenor . . .	,, 4000 ,,	,,
		Charges of the Current Year, in Bills of the Old Tenor . .	,, 40000 ,,	,,
			£96525 ,,	,,

107025 ,,	,,
108525 ,,	,,
.96525 ,,	,,
£.312075 ,,	,,

So that according to the projected Scheme, this Province must bring into the Treasury, every one of their Bills by Seventeen Hundred and Forty One, which amounts to the Sum of Three Hundred Twelve Thousand and Seventy five Pounds; Or otherwise, Three Hundred Twelve Thousand and Seventy five Ounces of Silver, Saving, what small Matter may be paid into the Treasury in Hemp and Flax.

Thus stands the state and view of our Affairs at present —— Wherefore We Enjoyn [364.] You to Use your Utmost Power, that the Funds be laid in Paper Bills of the Old Tenor, and Not in

Bills of the New Tenor, redeemable in Silver and Gold, which cannot possibly be Obtained by the Inhabitants of this Province.

IV. And Whereas the Public Affairs of this Province are exceedingly Embarras'd, and the Relief which We have so earnestly and long expected from Home, hath not hitherto had its desired Success — And having duly inquired into the reason of this Aggrievance; We Apprehend that the unhappy Situation of Our Public Affairs at Home, and their not being Solicited in such a Manner as the Urgent Necessities of this Province absolutely requires, is Owing to Nothing so much as the Want of a proper Agent or Agents, duly, and timely to Solicit all Our Public Affairs at Home, which may be transmitted thither from Our Honourable House of Representatives, and that such Agent or Agents be appointed and depend upon the Honourable House of Representatives only.

And Therefore, We strongly Enjoyn you, to use your utmost Power and Influence (in Conjunction with the Other worthy Members of the Honourable House of Representatives) that such an Agent or Agents be appointed by the Honourable House, in such Manner, and for such Ends and Purposes as shall occasionally Appear for the Necessity, Safety, Security and General Weal of this Province; And that such Agent or Agents Depend upon the House of Representatives only

All which is Submitted by,

Your most Humble Servants.
Nathanael Cunningham.
Hugh Vans.
Samuel Adams.
Benjamin Pollard.
Middlecott Cooke.

[**365.**] Upon a Motion made, and seconded —— The several Articles of the foregoing Instructions, were distinctly Read, Debated and Pass'd upon —— And then,

Voted, That the Draft of Instructions from the Town of Boston, to their Representatives, as they have been distinctly read and considered in the several Articles, be Accepted —— And that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is directed and ordered to deliver an Attested Copy thereof to Each of the Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston, as the Instructions of the said Town.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, On Fryday, July 27th. Anno Domini, 1739.

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting, Read.

Mr. Thomas Cushing, Junior, was Chosen Moderator.

A Motion was made by the Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. Vizt. That the Town would please to Consider a Vote pass'd at a Meeting of the Inhabitants, Mar. 12th, 1732, respecting the Leasing of Houses or Lands belonging to them —— And Represented, that if the said Order should be strictly Observed in Granting new Leases of the Shops in Dock Square, it would probably be a Means of hurting

the Towns Interest there; for that, the former Leases (two only excepted) Expired some time ago, And the Select Men were prevented Advertising them, according to the said Order, by reason of their being then Contested in the Law.

Andrew Oliver Esqr. was Chosen One of the Overseers of the Poor, for the Year current.

[**366.**] A Motion being made for proceeding to the Choice of Two Collectors —— And some Debate arising thereon,

Voted, That, inasmuch as there is no likelihood of any Assessment speedily to be made —— Therefore That the Choice of Two Collectors be refer'd to the intended Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Gentlemen appointed (at a Public Town-Meeting the 5th April, 1737) A Committee for Building a Work House in Boston, having Effected the same, Presented their Report —— Which is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Town Meeting Assembled, on Fryday the 27th. July, 1739.

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee at a Meeting of the said Town, April the 5th. 1737. for the Erecting a Work House at the upper end of the Common, Agreeable to the Vote of the said Town, Have Attended that Service ——— And altho' We have not yet been Able to Settle with all the Subscribers to the Work, and Trades-Men Employ'd therein, Yet have Effected the same, so that it is now ready to be Improved for the Service designed.

Edward Hutchinson.
Jacob Wendell.
James Bowdoin.
Samuel Sewall.
Daniel Henchman.
Andrew Oliver.

Sundry Proposals, Town Votes and Reports of Committees on Affair of Erecting a Work House, were also Read.

The Report of the Committee for Erecting the Work House, being Read again,

[**367.**] Voted, that the Report be Accepted; And that the Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston for the current Year be, and hereby are Directed and Impowered to Receive, and take Possession of the Work House now Erected, from the Gentlemen the Committee for Building the same: And that the said Overseers be also Desired to take upon them the Inspection Ordering and Government of said House, until the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants in March next; And that the said House be Used and Improved for the Reception and Employment of the Idle and Poor of the said Town, in the best Manner for the Advantage of the Town, According to the true Design and Intention of the Gentlemen the Subscribers to that Work, and Pursuant to the Law of this Province in that Case made and provided.

The Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor, having prepared a Body of Orders, and By-Laws for the better, and more decent Regulating the Work House, Presented the same to the Town for their Approbation. Read.

After some Debate thereon — And upon a Motion Made and Seconded,

Voted, to Proceed to the Choice of a Committee, to take under their Consideration the Draught of the Orders and By-Laws for the Regulation and Government of the Work House, now presented to the Town and read — And to Report any Amendments, Alterations or Additions which they may think proper.

Voted, That the Number of this Committee be Five.

Voted, That, The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
Mr. Christopher Kilby, and
Samuel Adams Esqr.

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid: Who are desired to Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

[**368.**] Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be, and hereby are Desired to proceed to Order, and Govern the Work-House, according to the By-Laws presented to the Town and Read, Until the Adjournment of this Meeting, for receiving the Committees Report thereon.

Upon the Motion made by the Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. at the Opening of this Meeting, respecting Leasing out the Towns Lands &c.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Directed and Impowered (after Advertising the same, in the Public News Papers, so long as they shall think necessary) to proceed to Grant New Leases of the Towns Shops in Dock Square, and such Other of the Towns Estate, the Leases whereof are Expired, or which will Expire at or before the First of March next ensuing, to such Persons, at such Rents, and for such Time as they shall think most for the Towns Interest and Advantage, Not Exceeding Seven Years; the Town Vote and Order made and pass'd the Thirteenth of March, 1732, to the Contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Tuesday the 25th. of September next, at Three O'Clock in the Afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, in Publick Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, on Fryday, the Fourteenth of September, Anno Domini, 1739.

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting —— Read.

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junior, was Chosen Moderator.

[**369.**] A Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants, presented to the Select Men, relating to the Defenceless State of the Town, Read ——— After some Debate thereon —

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of a Committee to Draw up a Memorial, or Address to the Great and General Court, in Order to it's being Presented at their approaching Session, Representing the Defenceless State of the Town of Boston, and Praying for the Grant of a Sufficient Sum of Money to be Improv'd in Fortifying the same; and to lay the said Draught before the Town, at the Adjournment of this Meeting, for Approbation.

Voted, that the Number of this Committee be Five.

Voted, that, Mr. Nathanael Cunningham
Colonel Edward Winslow
Major Samuel Sewall
Mr. Shem Drowne, and
John Colman Esquire,
be the Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded ——

Voted, That it be given as an Instruction to the said Committee, in their Drafting the said Address or Memorial, to take Notice of the large Sums of Money, which for many Years past have been, and still are Raised, principally from this Town, by the Duties of Impost, and paid into the Province Treasury, Which was Originally Granted and intended for the Maintenance of a Ship of War, principally for a Guard, and Protection to the Trade of the Town of Boston.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired forthwith to wait upon His Excellency the Captain General, to acquaint Him, that the Town has Chosen a Committee to prepare a Memorial or Address to be presented to the Great and General Court, to Represent the Defenceless State of the Town, and Pray for a Grant of a Sufficient Sum of Money, to be Improv'd [**370.**] In Fortifying the same: And Humbly to Pray His Excellency to Recommend the Affair to the General Court, at their next Sitting.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned, to Tuesday next the Eighteenth of September current at Four O'Clock Afternoon.

Tuesday, September, 18th. 1739.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment,

The Committee appointed the fourteenth current to Draw up a Memorial to be presented to the General Court, laid before the Town the Draft they had prepared ——— Which was Read. Viz^{t}.

The Committee appointed the 14th. current to draw up a Memorial or Address to the Great and General Court, having attended that service, humbly lay the Draft they have prepared before the Town, for their Consideration ——

All which is Submitted, By,
NATHAN^{L}. CUNNINGHAM
EDWARD WINSLOW
Sept. 18. 1739. SAMUEL SEWALL
SHEM DROWNE
JOHN COLMAN

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, the 19th of Septem^{r}. Anno Domini, 1739.

The Memorial of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth,

That Whereas there is [**371.**] Great prospect of a General War, which will much Affect the Trade of this Province in general, and the Town of Boston in a particular manner —— Your Memo-

rialists therefore beg leave to Represent to Your Excellency and Honours the Defenceless State of the said Town —— Our Batteries being gone to decay, and the Province Galley, and Sloop, which were for the Defence of Our Coast, disposed of, and applied to the Sinking Fund of Our Public Taxes, as has also the Impost, which Ever since the last War, has been continued, Altho' when the War Ended, the Occasion of that Tax Ceased also — Which Duties of Impost have been principally paid by the Town of Boston, and has been a very heavy Burthen upon the Trade thereof, to which may be added, not only Our growing Charges, but also the Great, and (as We Humbly Apprehend) disproportionable part of the Province Tax paid by the Inhabitants of this Town;

And Considering, that the Safety and Security of the Province very much depends on Our Coast, Harbour and Town being Defended by proper Guard Vessels and Fortifications —— Considering also, the nearness of Cape Breton, from whence We may expect in all probability, A Number of Privateers will soon be fitted out, whereby Not only Our Vessels from Europe, but also Our Fishery, and Coasters (on which great part of Our Food and Firing depends) will be Expos'd.

For which Reasons,

Your Memorialists Humbly Pray, That Our Defenceless Condition may be taken into Your Wise Consideration —— That Our Sea Coast may be suitably Guarded —— Our Decay'd Batteries Repair'd, And such Other Provision made for Our Safety and Defence, As Your Excellency and Honours, in Your Great Wisdom, Shall see Meet.

And Your Memorialists, As in Duty Bound, Shall Ever Pray, &c.

Voted, That the Draft of an Address now Reported by the Committee, be Accepted —— That the Select Men be Desired and Directed to Sign the Address in the Name and by Order of the Inhabitants of Boston —— And that the [372.] Representatives of the Town Present the same to the Great and General Court, at their next Sitting.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to the Gentlemen of both Committees, for their Pains, in Attending the Services respectively desired of them.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, on Tuesday the Twenty fifth of September, 1739. According to their Adjournment made the Twenty Seventh of July, last.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded ——

Voted, That this Meeting be further Adjourn'd to Fryday the Twelfth of October next, at Three O'Clock Afternoon.

Fryday, October, 12th, 1739.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Messrs. Thomas Moffatt, and
William Greenleaf,
were Chosen Collectors of Taxes for the Current Year.

The Committee appointed the 18th. of May last past, Upon the Petition of Mr. John Staniford, Reported thereon, which was Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Boston October 11th. 1739.

The Committee to whom was Referr'd the Consideration of the Petition of Mr. John Staniford Are of Opinion, That a Bridge from the Western part of the Town of Boston to Colonel Phips's Farm will be a Publick Benefit; and therefore that it will be proper for the Town of Boston to [**373.**] Make No Objection to the Prayer of said Petition.

NATH^{L}. CUNNINGHAM
SAMUEL WELLES
SAMUEL SEWALL
H. HALL
SAMUEL ADAMS.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded, the Question was put Viz^{t}.

Whether the Town would Pass upon the Report of the Committee, at this Time?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative. Accordingly,

The Question being put, Viz^{t}. Whether this Report be Accepted?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Mr. Thomas Moffatt, chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes, Appearing, Informs, that he is soon bound to Great Britain —— And therefore Prays the Town would please to Excuse him from that Service —— Accordingly,

The Question was put ——

And It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

The Honourable Edward Hutchinson Esquire, from the Committee appointed the Twenty seventh of July last past, to take under Consideration the Draught of the Orders and By-Laws for the Regulation and Government of the Work House —— Reported Several Amendments and Additions, which they thought were proper to be made —— And having taken the said Amendments in a New Draught of the said Orders, laid the same before the Town for their Approbation.

Which were Read —— And are as follows —— Viz^{t}.

[**374.**] Rules and Orders for the Management of the Work-House lately Erected in the Town of Boston; for Employing and Maintaining the Idle and Poor, belonging to said Town.

Labor improbus omnia vincit.

The General Method ———

I. Rules relating to the Overseers of the House, and their Conduct.

II. Rules relating to the Master and Mistress of the House.

III. Rules relating to the Persons admitted into the House.

IV. Rules relating to the Work and Employment of the House.

V. Rules relating to the Diet and Victualling the House.

VI. Rules relating to the Religious Worship of the House.

VII. Rules relating to the Government of the House.
To which is added,
The Weekly Diet of the House, for the 1st. Quarter.

Rules and Orders for the Management of the Work House in Boston.

I. *Rules relating to the Overseers of the Poor who, by Law have the Direction of the said House.*

1. That there shall be a General Meeting of the Overseers at the House, the third Tuesday of every Month, at three O'Clock in the Afternoon, to inspect all Accounts, and examin into the Behaviour of the People committed to the House, and of their own Officers and Servants, and to redress all Difficulties that occur to the Master, and to hear and consider all Complaints [**375.**] Made by the Poor, and to consult and advise about such further Rules and Methods as may be for the advantage of said House.

2. That a Committee of the Overseers, consisting of Three (Two of which are impowered to Act) take the more immediate Inspection of the House for One Month by turns: and that they meet at the House every Tuesday, at three o'Clock in the afternoon, for inspecting the Management of the House, and the Behaviour of the Persons therein for the Week past; for Advising and Assisting the Master in the Affairs thereof: But that in emergent and important cases, they call the whole body of Overseers together: The Master of the House to give notice to the Overseers who are next to attend, at the beginning of each course.

II. *Rules relating to the Master and Mistress of the House.*

1. That the Master and Mistress be Persons of approv'd Integrity and Ability, Who shall be chosen annually, At a General Meeting of the Overseers, sometime in the Month of May; And in case of their Death or Removal, other Persons be, as soon as may be Chosen in their Room, by the Overseers, Who shall have Power to Agree with such Master and Mistress for their Yearly Salaries: But that if the said Master or Mistress be found guilty of any immoral or irregular behaviour, the Overseers reserve to themselves a Power to dismiss them, and to place others in their room.

2. That the Master keep a Register of the Names, Ages, Occupations and Places of Nativity, and of their last abode, of all the Persons that shall be Admitted into the House, as well as an Account of the Time of their Entry and of their Deaths or Dismission from the House.

3. That the Master keep the Gates, at all times, well Secured, and a proper Person be appointed to take care of the same; Who shall admit none, nor let any go out, without liberty of the Master, or in his Absence, of the next Officer: And if any be desirous to see, or speak with any of the Persons committed to the House, the

Doorkeeper is not to call them, [**376.**] Without leave: And if any Person be suspected of bringing in any strong Liquors, or carrying out any thing, belonging to the House, or any Person therein, the Door-keeper is to stop them, and give Notice to the Master, that so due Enquiry and Search may be made forthwith, and the Guilty punished: But yet, all such, as in an orderly way, would see the House, shall be treated with proper Respect and Civility, by the Master, and in his absence, by the next officer of the House.

4. That the Master at the Hours appointed for going to Bed, which in the Summer season shall be at Ten O'Clock, and in the Winter season at Nine O'Clock shall see all Fires and Lights extinguished, Excepting what shall be absolutely necessary, and that these be left under proper care.

5. That the Mistress take care that the Victuals be well and seasonably Dress'd, the Bread and Beer prepared according to the Direction of the Overseers; that the Rooms be Swept, and Beds made every Day; that the Windows be frequently Opened for Airing the House; that the House be Washed, as often as shall be judg'd necessary; that the Table-Linnen, Dishes &c, be clean; that the People be kept clean and neat in their Apparel, and have clean Linnen to Shift Once every Week, and the Beds Shifted Once a Month in the Summer Season: And that, for her Assistance, there shall be proper Persons Appointed by the Overseers, or their Committee for these Services, as well as for other Necessary Occasions of the House.

6. That the Master buy the Provisions, and Materials for Work, and other Necessaries; and dispose of what is Manufactured, to the best advantage, according to the Advice and Direction of the Overseers, with whom he is to consult in this, and all other matters of Importance.

7. That the Master keep Books of Accounts of all Expences, and Profits of the House, to be Pass'd upon, and allowed by the Overseers, at their Monthly Meetings, and to be Open to the Inspection of the Town, whenever they shall see cause to appoint a Committee for that Service.

[**377.**] That the first Book contain An Inventory of all Furniture, Linnen and Woolen Cloathing bought, and of the necessary Utensils belonging to said House, with an Account how they are disposed of.

That the next Book Contain An Account of all the Provisions &c. bought; as also the Quantities of each Sort Expended every Day, and of the Number of Persons provided for, each Day.

And that the last Book contain An Account of all the Stock, and Materials for Carrying on the Work of the House, which has been purchased, or sent to be manufactored, as also the Names of the Persons by whom sent; with an Account how such Goods are disposed of, and of the Profits arising on the same.

8. That the Master and Mistress be Obliged to Observe such further Rules and Orders as shall be thought necessary to be made by the Overseers, from time to time, relating to the Affairs of the House, Agreeable to the Law of the Province.

III. *Rules relating to the Persons that shall be Admitted into the House.*

1. That None shall be Admitted without a written Order, under the Hand of One or more of the Overseers.

2. That upon their Admission, they be Examin'd, Whether they are free from Lice and foul Distemper; And such as shall not be found clean, shall be put into some particular Room, 'till they be perfectly cleans'd: And that they be Obliged to take Care to keep themselves Wash'd and Comb'd, and their Cloathes neat and whole, and to Change their Linnen Once a Week.

3. That the Several Persons in the House constantly Repair at the stated Hours to their proper Apartments: where they shall work orderly at such Business, and so many Hours as the Overseers shall direct.

4. That they constantly attend the Worship of God, in the House, and observe the Rules prescribed for their Meals.

5. That when any Children shall be Received into the House, there shall be some sutable Women appointed to attend them; Who are to take Care that they be Wash'd, [**378.**] Comb'd and Dressed every Morning, and be Taught to Read, and Instructed in the Holy Scriptures and Assemblies Catechism, at such Hours as shall be appointed by the Overseers; And that the rest of their Time be employ'd in such Work as shall be Assigned them; And when they arrive to a sutable Age, they shall be Bound out into good Families, as the Law directs.

6. That when any Persons are taken Sick, they shall be removed into the Alms-House, if it may be done with Safety, and be put under the Care of said House 'till further Orders: But if a removal shall be judg'd dangerous, then they shall have a Nurse, and the Town's Physician to attend them, where they are.

IV. *Rules relating to the Work and Employment of the People in the House.*

1. That the Bell shall be rung every Morning to call the Family up; and such Persons as are able, shall repair to the several Places appointed for them to do their work in, and shall be kept diligently at work from Such Hours in the Morning, to such Hours in the Evening, as the Overseers shall from time to time direct; Excepting so much time as shall be allow'd for Meals, and Religious Worship.

2. That the common Work of the House be Picking of Oakum, Unless for such Trades-Men, whose Business may be well accomodated in the House, and it shall be judged more profitable to employ them in their proper Trades; Such as Taylors, Shoemakers, Mopmakers, Nailers &c. And that such of the Women as are capable, be employ'd in Carding, and Spinning Wooll, Flax, Yarn for Mops, and Cotton Yarn for Candlewick, Knitting, Sewing &c. But that these things be determined and regulated by the Overseers, or their Committee.

3. That Whereas the Poverty and Ruin of many Families is often Owing to the Idleness and [**379.**] Vicious Courses of one

of the Heads of it, more particularly of the Masters, Who may have been bred to some good Trade, that by Industry would comfortably support them, the rest of the Family being Industrious, and in a capacity of Earning something considerable towards their own Support, so that it may be judg'd proper to order said Persons up to the House and Employ them there; In that case, An Account shall be kept of their Earnings, and after a reasonable deduction for their Maintenance in the House, the Overplus shall be applied to the Support of their Family in such Ways and Methods, as the Overseers or their Committee shall direct.

V. *Rules relating to the Diet and Victualling of the House, and the proper Seasons thereof.*

1. That the Overseers shall, from time to time, as often as they shall judge Necessary, at any General Meeting, Agree upon the Diet of the House, to be continued 'till further Order; which Agreement they shall deliver in writing to the Master for his direction.

2. That the Hour of Dining be Twelve a Clock, at which time the People of the House shall all be called together, and Dine in one room (if it will contain them) having their Tables cover'd with sutable Cloths, Dishes, Trenchers &c. and the Commons for the Day, as directed by the Overseers: That None be allowed to Dine in their separate rooms, unless in case of indisposition: But that as to their Breakfast and Supper, it may be delivered to them out of the Kitchen, between the Hours of Eight and Nine in the Morning, and of Six and Seven in the Evening.

3. That they be allowed from the Hour of Twelve to One for the time of Dining; and that from Eight to Nine in the Morning, and from Six to Seven in the Evening, be allowed for the other Meal times, and for Attendance on Divine Worship.

VI. *Rules relating to the Religious Worship of the House.*

[**380.**] 1. That the Master every Morning between the Hours of Eight and Nine, and every Evening between the Hours of Six and Seven, Call the People together, and Read a sutable portion of the Holy Scriptures to them, and Pray with them; And as often they Eat together, Ask a Blessing, and Return Thanks.

2. That he take especial Care, that the Sabbath be duly Observed; And besides the Morning and Evening Service, he shall be Obliged (until other provision be made) to call the whole Family together, at least One part of the Day, and spend a sutable portion of Time in Praying, Singing of Psalms, and Reading some practical discourses of Divinity, that shall be Appointed by the Overseers.

VII. *Rules relating to the Government of the House, both with respect to Rewards and Punishments.*

1. That all Immoralities and Disobedience to the Government of the House, and other Misbehaviour, be by the Master noted in

a Book, and laid before the Overseers, or their Committee; that by their Authority and Admonition, such Rudeness and Immorality may be restrained, and Peace and good Order maintained, and all obstinate, perverse and unruly Persons punished, according to their Crimes.

2. That such as shall duly Observe the fore-going Orders, and faithfully Perform their several Tasks shall be Intitled to One penny out of every Shilling they Earn, to be disposed of by the Overseers for their greater Comfort.

3. That Whereas some slothful Persons may pretend Sickness or Lameness, to excuse themselves from Labour: It is Ordered, That such Persons shall pass a proper Examination by the Physician; And if it should Appear upon his Report and other concurring Circumstances that those Persons made false Excuses they shall be punished by such an Addition of Labour [381.] To their daily Stint or some other way, as the Overseers or their Committee shall determine.

4. That No Person presume to Smoke Tobacco in their Beds, On penalty of being denied Smoking for One week; And that if any be convicted a Second Time, He or She shall be punished as for other Misdemeanours.

5. That No Person presume to Beg Money, or any other thing, directly or indirectly, from any Person, that shall come to Visit the House, on penalty of being denied their next Meal.

6. That No Person presume to go out of the House without Liberty; And that every One who Obtains leave, shall return in good Order, at the time appointed, On penalty of being denied going out for One Month for the first Offence, and for Three Months for every Offence afterwards

7. That if any Person shall Neglect to repair to their proper places for Work; Or being there, shall refuse to work, loiter or be idle; Or shall not well perform the Task of work set them; Or shall waste and spoil any of the Materials, or Tooles of the several Manufactures; Or shall deface the Walls, or break the Windows, Or shall disturb the House by Clamour, Quarrelling, Fighting or abusive Language; Or shall bring any strong Liquors into the House without leave; Or shall be Absent from Divine Service without reasonable Excuse; Or prophane the Sabbath; Or carry it disrespectfully to their Governours; Or shall be Guilty of Lying, or wanton and lascivious Behaviour; Or shall Drink to Excess, Steal or prophanely Curse and Swear; Or in any Other respect Act immorally or irregularly, They shall be Punished, either by denying them a Meal, or whole days allowance, or by Gaging, or causing them to wear a Collar round about their Necks with a wooden Clog to it, or by Obliging them to stand on a Stool in a publick Place, with a Paper fix'd on their Breast, denoting their Crime in Capitals, for the space of One Hour, Or by Ordering them into the Dungeon to be kept with Bread and Water, not exceeding Forty Eight Hours, Or by an Addition of Labour to their daily Task, according to the nature and circumstance of the Crime; And in Case of frequent repetition and [382.] Obstinacy in their Crimes, they shall be Punished by Order of One or more

Justices of the Peace, by removal into Bridewell, or otherwise as the Law directs.

8. That the Committee of Overseers, at their Weekly Meeting, have Power to punish all breaches of the foregoing Orders, Excepting those that are referred to the Cognizance of a Justice of Peace: And in all such Cases a Majority of the Overseers shall be called together.

9. That the Master of the House have Power, in the intervals between the Meetings of the Committee of the Overseers, to punish the breaches of the foregoing Orders, according to the Instructions he shall receive in writing from the Overseers or Directors of the House from time to time; And that in any Cases of Difficulty Arising, which may need a more speedy Consideration, he shall call the Committee together for their Advice and Assistance.

10. That if any Person in the House shall discover any other Person who shall be Guilty of any of the foregoing Offences, Such Person shall receive some such Reward or Incouragement as shall be Ordered by the Overseers or their Committee: And, if any Person shall know of any of the Offences aforesaid, and doth not discover the same, Such Person shall be Punished according to the discretion of the Overseers.

11. That the foregoing Rules and Orders of the House be publickly Read, every Monday Morning, that none may plead or pretend Ignorance of them.

THE END.

The Diet of the House for the first Quarter.

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper
Lords Day			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Fryday			
Saturday			

N.B. Small Beer to be given as there may be Occasion.

[**383.**] The Question being put, Viz^{t}. Whether the foregoing Orders and By-Laws for the decent Regulating the Work-House, as taken in the New Draught, with the Amendments, be Approved and Accepted?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be and hereby are Desired to proceed to Regulate and Govern the Work House, according to the said By-Laws —— Until the Town shall see cause to Order Otherwise.

Upon a Motion made and seconded.

Voted, That the Committee for Building the Work-House be, and hereby are Desired to Report to the Town, their Transactions in that Affair, as fully as may be, at the next General Town Meeting.

Mr. William Greenleaf, chosen One of the Collectors of Taxes, Appearing, Prays the Town would please to Excuse him from

Serving in that Office —— for that he intends Speedily to remove out of the Town. Accordingly,

The Question was put —— And

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Whereas Several Persons Chosen to Serve the Town in the Office of Collectors of Taxes, for the Year current, have refused to undertake the same —— And it not being likely that the Taxes will be speedily made —— Therefore,

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Confer with the Constables of the Town, Or any other Sutable Persons, in Order to their undertaking the Collecting the Taxes for the Year current —— And that they be desired to Report thereon, at the next General Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was dismiss'd.

[384.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, in Public Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, Upon Monday, the Tenth of December, Anno Domini, 1739.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. William Hooper ——

A Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable John Quincy Esquire, Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives, directed to the Select Men, Requiring them to Assemble the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, to make choice of, and Depute (if they see cause) A Person to serve for, and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly, Now Convened, held and kept, for His Majesty's Service, at the Court House in Boston —— In the Room of Mr. Christopher Kilby, Who is Gone Agent for the House of Representatives, to the Court of Great Britain —— Together with the Warrant for Calling the Meeting —— Read.

The Question was put, Viz^t. Whether the Town would proceed to Chuse A Person to Serve for, and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly Now Convened, in the Room of Mr. Kilby?

Voted, In the Affirmative.

Then the Laws respecting the Power of the Select Men, to give Directions for the regular, and Orderly Carrying on the Meetings for the Choice of Representatives, &c. were Read.

And,

The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for One Representative Accordingly. Which being Collected and Number'd —— The Number of [385.] Voters was found to be, One Hundred and Forty two.

The Votes being Sorted and Number'd, it appear'd that, Captain Nathanael Cunningham was Chosen by a great Majority of Votes. Viz. One Hundred and Eleven Votes.

The Election of a Representative being ended, the Select Men declared the same; And the Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator —— And Capt. Nathanael Cunningham was accordingly Chosen Unanimously.

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. made a Motion Viz^t. That

the Town would Chuse Two Persons to Inform against, and Prosecute the Violaters of An Act, in addition to an Act for the better Preservation and Increase of Deer within this Province; According to the Direction of the Law in that Case provided.

Upon the Motion made by the Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.

Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Two Persons, to Inform against and Prosecute the Violaters of the Act for the better Preservation and Increase of Deer within this Province.

Accordingly

Messrs. Jeremiah Belknap, and } Sworn.
Richard Hubbard } Sworn.

were chosen to that Office, Until the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants in March next.

Whereas, at a Public Town Meeting held by Adjournment the 12th. of October last, It was referr'd to the Select Men to Confer with the Constables of the Town, or any other sutable Persons, in Order to their undertaking the Collecting the Taxes for the current Year —— They now Reported thereon, as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town as above —— We the Subscribers have Conferr'd with the Constables of the Town, relating to their Collecting the Taxes [**386.**] For the Year Current —— Who refuse to Accept of that Office, on any Terms proposed to them.

Dec. 6. 1739.

JONATHAN ARMITAGE
ALEXANDER FORSYTH
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
} Select-Men.

Whereas, the Town of Boston, at a Public Meeting, the 19th. of March last, Pass'd the following Vote, Viz^{t}.

"That Nine pence upon the Pound be and hereby is Allowed to "the several Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston for "the year ensuing; They Giving Bond with Sufficient Suretys, for "the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the Satisfaction of the "Select Men." ———

And Whereas Two of the Collectors then Chosen Viz^{t}. Messrs. Daniel Pecker and Nathanael Barber, have since refused to Accept of that Office, Upon Account of the growing difficulties which Attend it; A Motion was made, and Seconded by many, Viz^{t}. That Three pence upon the Pound might be Added to the former Allowance —— Which will make their Allowance to be One Shilling upon the Pound, for Collecting the Taxes for the Year current —— Accordingly,

The Question being put, It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Two Persons to Serve in the Office of Collectors of Taxes within this Town, for the Year current, in the Room of the Persons above named, Who have refused to serve therein —— And that they be chosen by a Hand Vote.

Messrs. John Goldthwait, and } Collectors.
John Staniford }

Were accordingly Chosen, two of the Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston, for the year current.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

[387.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, in Public Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, On Monday the Tenth of March A. D. 1739.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. William Hooper.

The Warrants for Calling the Meeting —— Read,

The Town then proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator and the Votes being accordingly Collected, it appeared that, Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Chosen, Unanimously.

Sundry Laws Read.

Samuel Gerrish was unanimously Chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and Sworn.

Sundry Petitions, Reports, and Motions —— Viz^t.

A Petition of Mr. Samuel Allen, School-Master, for Addition to his Salary —— Read.

A Petition of the Masters of the Fire Engines Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving of Love Street —— ——— —— } Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants (to the Select Men) respecting the state of the North and South Batterys and for Securing and Maintaining the Town's Rights on and about Fort Hill —— Read.

A Petition of the Grave Diggers (to the Select Men) representing the state of the South Burying Places —— Read.

A Report of the Select Men, on the Visitation of the Public Schools —— Read.

A Report of the Select Men, relating to the disposition of the Moneys arising from the Sale of the Three Tracts of Land, Granted by the General Court —— Read.

A Petition of Mr. William Salter, Keeper of the Powder House —— Read.

A Petition of Mr. Richard Buckley and Others —— Assessors in the year, 1739 —— Read.

[388.] A Petition of Messrs. Andrew and Peter Oliver, for Hiring the unimproved Lands on Fort Hill, for a Pasture —— Read.

Mr. William Torrey, made a Motion that the Town would consider of some effectual method to prevent frauds in the Measure of Coal.

Mr. Henry Gibbs, made a Motion that the Town would consider of some means to prevent frauds in the Measure of Cord wood, Sold in this Town.

Then the Town proceeded to the Choice of Officers &c.

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Seven Select Men.

The Votes being accordingly Collected and Sorted it appear'd that the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office for the Year, ensuing, Viz^t.

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Jonathan Armitage
Mr. David Collson
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.
Caleb Lyman Esqr.
Mr. Jonas Clarke.
Mr. Thomas Hutchinson
} Select-Men.

Voted, to Chuse Twelve Constables distinct from the Collectors of Taxes. Accordingly —

Messrs. William Marchant	Pay	Constables.
Benjamin Brown	Pay	
William Thwing	Excus'd	
John Proctor	Pay	
Lawrence Lutwyche	Sworn	
Thomas Ayres	Sworn	
Thomas Greenough	Pay.	
Lewis Vassall	Excus'd	
Timothy Emerson	Pay	
Caleb Ray	Excus'd	
Richard True	Pay	
John Simpson (Brasier)	Paid in 1737.	

were Chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

[389.] The Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Chosen Town Treasurer, for the Year ensuing And Sworn.

Messrs. Caleb Ray	Sworn	Fence Viewers
John Adams	Sworn	
Joseph Russell	Sworn	
John Indicott. Sworn		
Thomas Foster	Sworn	
Hopestill Foster	Sworn	
Gershom Flagg	Belongs to an Engine.	

Were Chosen Fence Viewers for the year ensuing.

Messrs. Joseph White	Sworn	Viewers of Shingles &c.
Edward Richards	Sworn	
Joseph Ricks, Sworn		
William Paine, Sworn		
Edward Moberly	Sworn	
Mathew Barnard	Sworn	

Were Chosen Surveyors of Boards, Timber, Shingles &c.

Mr. Isaac Gridley was Chosen Surveyor of Hemp. Sworn.

Messrs. John Helyer	Sworn	Cullers of Staves.
Harvey Thomas	Sworn	
Samuel Green, Sworn		
John Hobbs	Sworn.	
Joseph Ingraham	Sworn.	

Were Chosen Cullers of Staves.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of High Ways.

Messrs. Richard Hubbard	Informers about Deer.	Sworn
Jeremiah Belknap		Sworn.

to Inform against and Prosecute the Violaters of the Act for the better Preservation and Increase of Deer within this Province.

Mr. Richard-Carter Cowell, was Chosen Haward, for the year ensuing, —— Sworn.

[400.] Messrs. Samuel May	Sealers of Leather.	Sworn
* Nathanael Hodgdon		Sworn
John Allen		Sworn
Benjamin Emmons		Sworn
Benjamin Mason		Sworn
Thomas Inches		Sworn

Where Chosen Sealers of Leather.

* [Here the paging of the original is changed by ten pages to p. 400 instead of p. 390, but there is no break in the manuscript. W. H. W.]

Voted, That the Consideration of the State of the Batterys, be refer'd to the Afternoon, at Five O'Clock, and at the same time to Vote for a County Treasurer.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Three O'Clock this Afternoon.

Afternoon, the Town being Assembled.

A Petition of Samuel Kneeland —— Read.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Overseers of the Poor, for the year ensuing, Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood
Major John Hill
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Mr. Edward Bromfield
Capt. William Downe
Mr. Samuel Hunt
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Mr. Isaac White
} Overseers of Poor.

Messrs. Richard Buckley
Peter Thomas
Joshua Blanchard
Jacob Parker
William Salter
Daniel Pecker Sworn
Nathanael Barber Sworn
} Assessors.

Were Chosen Assessors for the year ensuing.

[**401.**] Capt. Jonathan Armitage and Mr. David Collson, Two of the Select Men chosen in the Morning, Desiring to be Excused —— having Served in that Office Several Years past ——The Town proceeded to the Choice of Two Select Men in their Room —— And the Votes being accordingly Collected and Sorted —— It Appear'd, That,

Mr. Thomas Hancock and
Mr. Middlecott Cooke

were Chosen Select Men, for the year ensuing

The Report of the Select Men relating to the Disposition of the Moneys arising from the Sale of Three Tracts of Land, Granted by the General Court —— Read Again —— And after some Debate thereon —— The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would now proceed upon the Consideration of the said Report —— As also upon the Affair of Fortifications?

It pass'd in the Negative.

Voted, That the Consideration of the Report of the Select Men, And the Affair of the Fortifications be referr'd to the intended adjournment of this Meeting.

Messrs.	Samuel Holland .	Sworn	Constables.
	John Seiller . .	Sworn	
	Thomas Hawding .	Paid in 1735.	
	Samuel Hastings .	Sworn	
	Robert Duncan, .	Sworn	
	Joshua Richardson .	Pay	
	Abel Kedgell . .	Excus'd	
	William Crow . .	Sworn	
	Samuel Demming .	Pay	
	David Collson Junr.	Pay	

were Chosen Constables.

According to Order in the Fore Noon, the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer —— Which being collected were, according to Law Sealed up by Constable Lawrence Lutwyche, by him to be kept, and return'd to the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk.

[402.] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, at Nine O'Clock.

Tuesday, March, 11th. 1739.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournm^{t}.

The Report of the Select Men, on the Visitation of the Public Schools, being presented, was Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston, in Town Meeting Assembled, Mar. 10. 1739.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at their Annual Meeting the 12th. of March, last past, Desiring the Select Men to Visit the several Public Schools in the Town, and to Report thereon ——

We the Subscribers accordingly attended that Service, on Monday the 25th, of June last, —— Accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

The Honourable William Dummer Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
The Rev. Joseph Sewall, D.D.
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince
The Rev. Mr. William Cooper
The Rev. Mr. Samuel Checkley
The Rev. Mr. Charles Chauncy

And found the said Schools under a good regulation; the Number of Scholars in the said Schools being as follows, Viz^{t}. In the South Grammar School, One Hundred and Ten; In the North Grammar School, Sixty Six; In the South Writing School, Sixty; In the Writing School in Queen Street, Seventy Seven; In the North Writing School, Two Hundred and Eighty.

	JOHN JEFFRIES	Select Men.
CALEB LYMAN	JONATHAN ARMITAGE	
THO^{s}. HUTCHINSON	ALEXANDER FORSYTH	

[403.] Voted, That this Report be Accepted: And that the Gentlemen the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to Visit the Public Schools within the Town the Year ensuing, Desiring Such Gentlemen to accompany them therein, as they shall think proper; And that they Report thereon.

Messrs. Nathanael Band,	Sworn	Hogreves.
William Scott	Sworn	
James Gibson	Sworn	
Nathanael Richardson,	Sworn	

were chosen Hogreves.

Messrs. Thomas Boucher	Scavengers.
John Bennet	
Thomas Johnson	
Nathanael Gardner	
Samuel Parkman	
John Vintenon	
Jonathan Williams	
Benjamin Edwards	
Henry Pigeon	
Samuel Hill	
John Collson	
Bartholomew Gedney	

were Chosen Scavengers.

Upon a Motion made, that the Clerks of the Market be chosen by written Votes,

The Question was put, And it Pass'd in the Negative.

Voted to proceed to the Choice of Eight Clerks of the Market. And,

Messrs. Samuel Gibbon		Clerks of the Market.
Charles Coffin	Sworn	
Robert Watt	Sworn	
William Thwing	Sworn	
Benjamin Neal	Sworn	
Job Coit	Excus'd	
Thomas Stoddard	Paid	
John Cravath	Excus'd	

were accordingly Chosen to that Office.

[404.] The Memorial of Messrs. Richard Buckley, Peter Thomas and Others, Assessors of the Town of Boston the Year past, Praying for farther Allowance for their Service —— Read.

And after some Debate thereon.

Voted, That the Sum of Twenty four Pounds, be Allow'd and Paid to Messrs. Richard Buckley and others Assessors of the Town of Boston the year past, in full for Twelve Books by them Copied for the Collectors, which Sum being charg'd in their Account Exhibited to the Select Men, was Excepted to, and Disallow'd, as being without president.

Messrs. John Tuckerman .	Excus'd	Constables.
John Decester .	Sworn	
John Seaborn .	Excus'd	
Joseph How .	Excus'd	
Daniel Ballard Junr.	Pay	

were chosen Constables.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, presented to the Select Men, Praying, among other things, that there might be inserted in the Warrant for calling this Meeting, "A Clause, Effectually to bring under the Towns Consideration, to preserve all the Towns Right

"in Fort Hill, and the Battery Ground, to Recover it from the "Encroachments already made, and to preserve it from any far-"ther" ——— Read again,

And after Some Debate thereon,

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of a Committee to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Fort Hill.

Voted, That the Number of the Committee be Five.

Voted, that, Samuel Adams, Esquire
Mr. Joseph Marion
Mr. Robert Rand
Mr. Shem Drowne
Mr. Jonathan Williams

[**405.**] Be a Committee for the ends aforesaid: And they are Desired to Report thereon, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esquire, presented A Report of the Committee for Building the Work House —— Which was Read, And is as follows, Viz^t^.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in Town Meeting Assembled, On Monday, Mar. 10. 1739.

We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen by the Town, 5, April, 1737, for Building a Work House at the upper end of the Common, Made Report of Our Doings therein to the Town Meeting Assembled 27, July, last, which was then Accepted, but were not then able to Settle the Accounts relating to it, Which have since done, and now tender to the Town, by which there Appears a deficiency of Three Hundred Seventy Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Two pence —— Notwithstanding We have Obtained Subscriptions to the Amount of Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds, Since the first Subscription Offered to the Town, the Cost of the House rising much higher than the best Calculations given in to Us.

EDWARD HUTCHINSON
JACOB WENDELL
JAMES BOWDOIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
ANDREW OLIVER
DANIEL HENCHMAN

Voted, That this Report be Accepted; And that the Sum of Three Hundred Seventy Seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Two pence, Which still remains a Ballance due to the said Committee for Building the Work House, As Appears by the Account by them exhibited, And is what the Charge of said House amounted to, Over and above the Subscriptions of Private Persons for Erecting the same, [**406.**] Be, and hereby is Allow'd to be Paid out of the Treasury to the Said Committee, in full discharge of the same.

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to the Gentlemen who have so Generously Subscribed towards the Building the Work House ——

And also to the Gentlemen the Committee for Building the same, for their great Care, and Pains taken therein.

The Petition of John Earle and Others the Masters of the Fire

Engines, in behalf of themselves and their Companys, Praying they may be Exempted from serving in Other Town Offices the year ensuing, for Reasons mentioned.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded by many,

Voted, That for the Encouragement of the respective Companys belonging to the several Fire-Engines in this Town, And to stimulate them to their Duty, in Extinguishing of Fires, as there may be Occasion ——— There be, and hereby is Allow'd to be Paid out of the Town Treasury, the Sum of Five Pounds to the Company of such Fire Engine, as shall first be brought to work upon any House or other Building that shall be on fire.

A Petition of Samuel Kneeland, A Prisoner in His Majesty's Goal, for a Debt due to the Town —— Praying the Town would please to forgive the Debt for which he is there detain'd, for Reasons therein mentioned ——— Read.

Voted, That the Petition be referr'd to the Select Men ——— Who are hereby Desired to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Petitioner, and to Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

[407.] Messrs Ezekiel Needham . Pay } Constables:
Andrew Symmes . Sworn }

were Chosen Constables.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned 'till the Afternoon At Three O'Clock.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

The Select Men's Report of their Examination of Mr. Francis Willoughby's Account of the Granary for the year past, and Entred in Mr. Willoughby's Book —— Read.

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted: And that Mr. Willoughby be accordingly further accountable for Four Hundred and Ninety Bushels of Indian Corn, and One Hundred Fifty two Bushels of Rie, And the Sum of Five Hundred Seventy five Pounds Nine Shillings in Bills of Credit ——— the whole of which Amounts to Eight Hundred Thirty Nine Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, Which remains in his Hands; Exclusive of Mr. Willoughby's Salary for the year past, Viz^t. One Hundred Pounds, Which is hereby also allow'd.

Voted, That Messrs. Edward Jackson
John Salter
Jeremiah Belknap

be a Committee for Purchasing Grain; Who are hereby Impower'd to give all needful Directions to the Master of the Granary, respecting the Quantities of Grain to be Sold, and setting the Price thereof, from time to time.

A Petition of Messrs. Andrew and Peter Oliver, for Hiring the Lands on Fort Hill not within Fence —— Read.

Voted, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referr'd to the Committee Appointed in the Forenoon to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Fort Hill — Who are Desired to Consider the Prayer of the Petitioners and Report What they shall

think proper for the Town to do thereon, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

[408.] A Petition of Mr. Samuel Allen, Master of the South Writing School, Praying for some Addition to his Salary, for Reasons therein Mention'd — Read.

Voted, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds p Annum be, and hereby is Added to Mr. Samuel Allen's Salary, to Commence the Twelfth of March, current.

A Petition of Mr. William Salter, Keeper of the Powder House in Boston, Praying for some Allowance to be made him for his Care of the Towns Stock of Powder there, for reasons mentioned — Read.

Voted that this Petition be referr'd to the Consideration of the Select Men, And that they be Desired to Report to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting, What they may think proper to be done thereon.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving Love Street — Read.

Voted, That this Petition be Referr'd to the Select men, Who are hereby Desired to Estimate the Charge of the Towns part of said Paving, And to Report thereon, at the Next General Town Meeting.

A Petition of John Chambers, and Others, Grave Diggers, presented to the Select Men, Representing that the Old and South Burying Places, are so fill'd with Dead Bodies, they are Obliged Oft times to Bury them four deep ——— Praying it may be laid before the Town, for their Consideration. Read.

Voted, That the Consideration of this Affair be Referr'd to the Select Men, Who are Desired to Report to the Town at the next General Town Meeting, What they may think proper for to be done thereon.

The Report of a Committee appointed the Second of [409.] May last past, to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts for the year past, as Entred in the Treasurers Book — Read — Accepted — And

Voted, That the Treasurer be (so far) accordingly discharged.

Voted, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be Allowed, and Paid to the Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. out of the Town Treasury, for his good Service as Town Treasurer the year past.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen a Committee for Auditing the Town Treasurers Accounts for the year ensuing. Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. John Wheelwright
Mr. Nathanael Balston
Mr. Cornelius Waldo
} Auditors.

Upon the Motion made by Mr. William Torrey, at the Opening this Meeting —— for the Town to Consider of some effectual Method to prevent frauds in the Measure of Coal, Sold in this Town ——

Voted, That the Select Men be Desired to give it in Charge to their Officer, whom they employ to inform of and prosecute the

Breaches of the By-Laws of this Town that he be careful to Inform against and Prosecute All such as he shall find transgressing the Laws of this Province in this Case already made and provided.

Mr. Treasurer Wadsworth presented An Estimate of what may be proper to be raised by this Town, for defraying the necessary Charges of the Current Year.

Voted, That the Granting of Money for defraying the Charges of the current year, be referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Mr. Jacob Emmons was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing. ——— Sworn.

[**410.**] Voted, To proceed to the Choice of Three Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing; By a Hand Vote.

Accordingly

Messrs. Jacob Sheafe
John Staniford } Collectors.
John Goldthwait

were Chosen to serve in that Office.

Voted, That Twelve pence upon the Pound be, and hereby is allow'd to be paid to the several Collectors of Taxes within this Town for the year ensuing —— They giving Bond, with sufficient Suretys, for the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

Upon a Motion made by Mr. Henry Gibbs, at the Opening this Meeting — That the Town would Consider of some Means to prevent frauds in the Measure of Cord Wood ——

Voted, That there be a Committee Chosen, Specially to Consider this Motion —— the Causes from whence the Complaint Arises —— And What Method may be taken to prevent the abuses complain'd of — And to Report thereon to the Town, as soon as may be.

Voted, That the Committee consist of Five Persons.

Voted, That Messrs. Jeremiah Green
Robert Rand.
John Darrel
Thomas Jackson Junr. Distiller
William Torrey

be a Committee for the Ends aforesaid.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded ——

Voted, That it be Recommended to the Gentlemen the Representatives of this Town, to Endeavor (at the next Session of the Great and General Court) to bring forward, and procure a Bill to be Pass'd for the more [**411.**] Just Admeasurement of Grain.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts the year ensuing, be also a Committee to Examin the Overseers Accounts relating to the Work House, And to Report thereon.

Mr. Edward Bromfield, from the Overseers of the Poor, propos'd an Alteration to be made in the By-Laws for regulating the Work House, which they had found necessary —— Viz^t^. To alter the time of their Monthly Meeting, from the Third Tuesday, to the first Wednesday in every Month. Accordingly

The Question being put, Whether the said Alteration shall be made in the By-Laws for regulating the Work House?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Tuesday the Eighth Day of April next, at Three O'Clock After-Noon.

Tuesday, April, 8th. 1740.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Messrs. Stephen Winter Sworn
Jabez Hatch, Excus'd
Samuel Sprague Belongs to an Engine.
} Constables

were chosen Constables

Mr. Josiah Waters, was Chosen Constable. Sworn.

Messrs. Ephraim Wheeler, Sworn
Nathanael Thayer,
Ebenezer Messenger, Sworn.
} Clerks of the Market

were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

Mr. Moses Eayres was Chosen One of the Fence Viewers.

[412.] The Report of the Select Men on the Petition of Mr. William Salter, Keeper of the Powder House Presented, —— Read, as follows. vizt.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, in Town Meeting Assembled, the 8th. of April, 1740.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town upon the Petition of Mr. William Salter, Keeper of the Powder House —— Praying for some Allowance to be made him for his Care of the Towns Stock of Powder there ——

We the Subscribers, to whom the Consideration of said Petition was referr'd having had Discourse with the Petitioner and considered his Service —— Are of Opinion, that it is adviseable to Allow the Petitioner the Sum of Twelve Pounds in full for his said Service, for the time past.

All which is Submitted, &c.

By,
JOHN JEFFRIES
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
MIDDLECOTT COOKE
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

The Report of the Select Men, on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for the Paving of Love Street —— Read, as follows, Viz^t.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, in Town Meeting Assembled, the 8th. April, 1740.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town, on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Paving Love Street ——

We the Subscribers, to whom the same was referr'd Are of Opinion, That the Paving of it is necessary Otherwise the Town must be at a Great Charge in Gravelling and Repairing the same: - —— That the whole Contains near Six Hundred and Ninety Square yards [413.] That, if the Abutters will Engage and Oblige themselves to Pay two Third parts of the Cost of Paving said Street, that it may be Adviseable for the Town to pay the other third.

All which is Submitted
By,

John Jeffries
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Middlecott Cooke
} Select Men

Voted, That this Report be Accepted —— And that the Select Men do accordingly take care for the Paving the Towns part thereof —— Provided the Petitioners or Abutters, Or some of them, become Obliged to the Select Men, to their Satisfaction, Jointly and Severally for Defraying the other two third parts thereof —— The said Work to be performed according to the Direction of the Select Men.

The Select Mens Report on the Petition of Samuel Kneeland Read, as follows, Vizt.

To the Inhabitants of Boston, in Town Meeting Assembled, the 8th. April, 1740.

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town, upon the Petition of Samuel Kneeland ——

We the Subscribers have attended the Service Desired of Us —— Have seen Mr. Kneeland the Petitioner, and his Father who is Surety for the Debt —— And are of Opinion,

That Sufficient Estate can be found to satisfy it; And that this Affair has been carried on with so much Obstinacy, on their part, that they do not deserve the Compassion of the Town; but, that they ought by all lawful ways to be Compell'd to Discharge the Debt.

All which is Submitted, &c.
By

John Jeffries
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Middlecot Cooke
} Select Men.

[414.] [A Memorial of the said Kneeland presented this Day, was, by leave of the Inhabitants, —— Read]

After some Debate,

The Question was put, Vizt.

Whether the Report of the Select Men be Accepted?

It Pass'd in the Negative. And,

Upon a Motion made, and Seconded by many —

The Question was put, Whether it be the Mind of the Town thet the Petitioner Samuel Kneeland, A Prisoner in his Majesty's Goal, Upon the Suit of the Town Treasurer, be freely and fully Released and Discharged from his said Debt due to the Town?

Voted, in the Affirmative — and that the said Kneeland be accordingly Released.

Mr. Stephen Rogers was Chosen Constable. Sworn.

Samuel Adams Esqr. from the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Fort Hill, and on the Petition of Messieurs Andrew and Peter Oliver, Reported thereon — Which was Read, and is as follows, Vizt.

Pursuant, to the aforewritten Votes — We the Subscribers have been upon, and carefully Viewed the Battery Ground at the foot

of Fort Hill so called, And find that the Southeast end thereof is greatly Encroached upon and encumbred with Buildings, Wharves Timber and Lumber where the Guns of the Battery now lye, and where the Guns were formerly Planted for the Defence and Safety of this Town and the Inhabitants thereof — And that the Northerly part of the said Battery Ground is also Incroached upon and incumbred by Ship Timber and Plank lying there. And upon a Careful Survey of the Land upon and around the said Hill, We find Several Encroachments made by Inclosures on the Northerly Side thereof, Which was, Time out of [**415.**] Mind, Enjoyed and laid Open for the Towns use, and that the said Inclosures on the Hill have been made within Twenty Years past, or thereabouts, And also that the Towns Land Reserved on the Easterly side of the Hill for the Townse, is Inclosed and Fenced in. ——— All which Encroachments are a Great wrong and Injury to this Town. And We are of Opinion, That the Town has a Right to Seventy five feet of the Sea-wall or Wharf before the Town, Adjoining to the Battery Ground.

And We are also of Opinion, that, for the Town to Lease out the Land upon and around the said Hill, as is propos'd by Messrs. Olivers Petition, would be Stripping of the Town and the Inhabitants thereof, of One of the most Valuable Accommodations they now have; Nature having so framed the said Hill, that from it You have many fair Prospects, and the health of the Inhabitants refresh'd by a fine Air from thence in their Walking and Disporting; And that the same is very Convenient for Military Musters when it shall be found Necessary.

And We are Unanimously of Opinion, That it would be very prejudicial and Injurious to the Town and Inhabitants thereof to Make a Lease or Leases, as is proposed: And, That it highly Concerns the Town Speedily to Remove all the Encroachments made on the Battery Ground, and Fort Hill aforesaid.

All which is Humbly Submitted by

Samuel Adams
Jos. Marion
Apr. 8. 1740. Robert Rand } Committee
Shem Drowne
Jon^a^. Williams

Voted, That this Report be Accepted. And

Upon that part of the said Report which respects the Battery Ground, particularly.

[**416.**] Voted, That a Committee be Chosen and appointed to Wait upon the Captain General, Requesting His Excellency, if he please, to give His Orders for the Removal of such Encumbrances as are lying on the Battery Ground near Fort Hill; that so the Great Artillery and Warlike Stores may be preserved, and put into a proper Condition for immediate Service, when Occasion shall call for it.

Voted, That the Select Men be the Committee to Wait upon the Captain General as aforesaid.

Voted, That the Gentlemen of the Committee to Enquire into the Towns Rights On and about Fort Hill, Viz^t^. Samuel Adams

Esq^{rs}. Mr. Joseph Marion, Mr. Robert Rand, Mr. Shem Drowne, and Mr. Jonathan Williams be Joined with the Select Men, in Waiting upon the Captain General.

Upon that part of the said Report respecting Other of the Towns Rights on and about Fort Hill.

Voted, That a Committee be Chosen and Impowred to Eject off, and Prosecute in the Law, to Effect, Such Person or Persons as shall be found Trespassers, and have made Encroachments on the Towns Right in the Lands on and about Fort Hill.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for that End — And the Gentlemen the Committee for Enquiring into the Towns Rights on and about Fort Hill are hereby Desired to give the Select Men, All the Light they can in the Affair.

Mr. Jeremy Green from the Committee appointed to Consider of some Method to prevent Frauds in the Measure of Cord wood, presented their Report, as follows, Viz^{t}.

In Pursuance to a Vote of the Town of [**417.**] Boston, directed to Us the Subscribers, a Committee to consider the Causes, and methods that may be taken to prevent the abuses and frauds, in the Measure of Cord-Wood — Having duly considered the same, Do Report thereon, as followeth. Viz.

1. That the Cord-Wood of this Town is cut too short, and especially the largest part of the Wood.

2. That the Cord-Wood of the Town is not close Stowed, and laid together when Corded, as the Law expressly directs it should be; By Means whereof the Buyer is greatly Injured, for want of his Measure.

To Prevent which ——

That there be a Sufficient Number of Sealers or Measurers of Cord-Wood, approved off by the Select Men, and under Oath, to Prosecute all such Person and Persons whatsoever, as shall presume or attempt to cart or carry away any Cord-Wood from any Wharf, before he has duly Corded, and Sealed the same.

That Such Persons, who shall be so appointed by the Select Men, be Inhabiters near unto such Wharves, As they shall be Obliged to attend; And but One Person to be Stationed to One Wharf, Except where two or more Wharves lye Adjoining and Contiguous.

That the Select Men furnish Such Sealers or Measurers with a Table, directing them that where any Cord-Wood be wanting in length, the same be made up in heighth, proportionably.

And Further, That Each Sealer or Measurer Shall have Four Pence p Cord allowed them, As an Encouragement, and in full Satisfaction for the faithful Discharge of their Duty in the Matters aforesaid.

All Which is Submitted,

Jeremy Green
Robert Rand
John Darrell
Thomas Jackson Jun^{R}.
William Torrey.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted, And, [**418.**] That the

Select Men be Desired to Act in conformity thereto, in Appointing a Sufficient Number of Prudent and Discreet Persons for Sealers of Cord-Wood, to be under Oath for the faithful Discharge of their Trust, And that they would Assign to Each of said Sealers their distinct and proper Stations: And also, that meet Persons may be Encouraged to Undertake the Business, the Select Men are Desired to raise their allowance to Four pence p Cord.

The Report of the Select Men, relating to the Disposition of the Moneys arising from the Sale of Three Tracts of Lands, Granted by the General Court, Read, again. And is as follows, Viz^{t}.

Boston 10. March, 1739.

We the Subscribers, Select Men of the Town of Boston being appointed by said Town A Committee to Consider How, and to what Use the Money arising from the Sale of the Three Tracts of Land Granted to the Town by the General Court may be applied most for our benefit —— Are of Opinion; That, considering the present Circumstances of the Province, the said Money cannot be disposed of for a better or more necessary purpose than the Repairing Our North and South Batterys, or Raising such other Works of Fortification as the Town shall Judge necessary —— Hoping, that as this is the principal Frontier of the Province, And the Fortifying the same must be of Public and Universal Benefit —— that therefore, in convenient Time the Town will be reimbursed any Sum or Sums they shall Expend for that Service.

Which is Humbly Submitted, by.

JONATHAN ARMITAGE
CALEB LYMAN
ALEXANDER FORSYTH
JONAS CLARKE
THO. HUTCHINSON
} Select Men.

[**419.**] Voted, That the Consideration of this Report, as also the State of the North and South Batterys, be further referr'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, in Town Meeting Assembled, on Wednesday the Seventh of May, 1740.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Samuel Mather.

The Precept, and Warrant for calling the Meeting, Read ——

Sundry Laws, —— Read ——

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. One of the Select Men, in their Name, Propos'd to the Inhabitants Assembled, to proceed to the Choice of a Person or Persons to serve for, and Represent them, in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be Held at Boston, the 28th. of May current —— And in Order thereto, to Consider and Ascertain the Number of Gentlemen so to be Elected.

Accordingly

Voted, To Proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being collected, the Number of Voters was found to be, Four Hundred and Eighteen.

And Upon sorting the Votes, it Appear'd there were Three Gentlemen Chosen by the Major part of the Votes Viz^{t}.

	No. of Votes.
Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr.	408
Mr. Edward Bromfield	371
Mr. James Allen	213

Upon a Motion made, and Seconded, for proceeding to the Choice of One Representative —— The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would immediately proceed to the said Choice.

[**420.**] It Passed in the Negative.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourn'd to the Afternoon, at Three O'Clock.

Afternoon, The Inhabitants being again Assembled, They proceeded to the Choice of One Representative.

The Votes being accordingly Collected, the Number of Voters were found to be Five Hundred and Seven.

Upon Sorting the Votes, It appear'd —— that

Mr. Thomas Hutchinson was Chosen by a Major part of the Votes. Number of Votes, 273.

The Election of Representatives being ended, and the same Declared by the Select Men, —— The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator, by a Hand Vote. Accordingly,

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junr. was Chosen Moderator of this Meeting.

Sundry Petitions —— Read,

Viz^{t}.

Of Sundry Inhabitants for leave to enclose with a Fence, a small part of the Top of Fort Hill, for a Bowling Green.

Of Mr. Samuel Floyd, Collector of Taxes in Rumney Marsh, in the year 1738, late within the Township of Boston.

Of Mr. Zachariah Hicks, Usher of the North Writing School, for Enlarging his Salary.

Of Sundry Inhabitants, for Placing a Fire Engine at the Westerly part of Boston.

Of Messrs. Jacob Sheafe and John Goldthwait, Collectors of Taxes, for the Year 1739.

Mr. Isaac Winslow was Chosen One of the Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing. Excus'd.

[**421.**] Mr. William Cowel was Chosen to Serve as A Clerk of the Market —— Sworn.

Voted, A Grant of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, to be raised by a Tax upon Polls, and Estates within the Town of Boston, for Relief of the Poor, and Defraying other necessary Charges arising within and for said Town the Year ensuing.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Leave to Enclose with a Fence, a small part of the Top of Fort Hill, for a Bowling Green —— Read,

And after some Debate thereon,

The Question was put, Whether it be the mind of the Town, that any part of Fort Hill should be Leased out to the Petitioners, for a Bowling Green, Upon the Terms in the Petition proposed?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

The Petition of Mr. Samuel Floyd Collector of the Taxes in the

District of Rumney Marsh, in the year 1738. Praying that the Assessors may be Impowered to make Abatement of the Taxes of Sundry Persons named in his said Petition, amounting to the Sum of Nine Pounds, Nine Shillings and One Penny, for Reasons mentioned, Read ——

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioner be so far Granted, As that the Assessors be, and hereby are Impowered to make such Abatements to the Petitioner, as they shall Judge Just and reasonable.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, for Placing A Fire Engine at the Westerly part of Boston, for Reasons therein mentioned ——— Read.

After some Debate thereon,

The Question was put, Whether the Consideration of this Petition shall be Referr'd to a Committee?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for this [422.] End, Who are Desired to Act and do thereon, as they shall think most for the Interest of the Town.

The Petition of Mr. Zachariah Hicks, Usher of the North Writing School, Praying for some Addition to his Salary, for Reasons mentioned, Read.

After some Debate the Question was put,
Whether any Addition should be made to Mr. Hicks's Salary in answer to his Petition.

It pass'd in the Negative.

A Petition of Mr. Jacob Sheafe and Others, Collectors of Taxes for the year, 1739, Praying that the Assessors may be Allow'd to sit upon Abatements until the last Day of October next for the Reasons therein mentioned ——— Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be so far Granted, As that the Assessors be, and hereby are allow'd and Impowered to sit upon Abatements until the last Day of September next ensuing, and no longer.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, in Town Meeting Assembled at the Town House, Monday, the 14th July, A.D. 1740.

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting, Read.

Mr. Thomas Cushing Junior was Chosen Moderator Unanimously.

The Laws relating to the Qualifications of Voters in Town Affairs ——— Read.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Calling the Meeting ——— Read.

[423.] The Petition of John Hooker and Abia Holbrook, to be admitted Grave Diggers ——— Read.

A Motion was made by Messrs. Jonathan Williams and Shem Drowne, that the Affair of the Fortifications in this Town might be brought under Consideration at this Meeting.

A Great Number of the Inhabitants being Assembled A Motion was made and seconded by many, And thereupon,

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to the Publick Meeting House in Brattle Street, there to Meet forthwith ——— And that whatsoever Damage may happen to be done to the Pews, Seats &c. by means thereof be repair'd at the charge of the Town.

The Inhabitants being Assembled at the Meeting House in Brattle Street according to Adjournment, ———

The Laws respecting the Qualifications of Voters, Read again, and a Debate had thereon.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants ——— Read again and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To the Honourable John Jeffries Esquire, and the other Select Men of the Town of Boston.

Whereas in the Year 1734, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (among other things) Voted and Ordered a Place on the Town's Ground on the Town Dock, Called Dock Square to be Assigned for a Market Place, and the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in April, 1734, Allowed and Approved thereof, and a convenient Building was Erected on the said Ground, which was Improved some time for a public Market place, to the Satisfaction of a great Number of the Inhabitants ——— But so it has hapned, that the said Building, for some Years past has been [**424.**] Demolished and pulled down, and the Inhabitants of the said Town have had no certain Place for Buyer and Seller to meet at, which forces People to go out upon the Neck, and spend a great part of the Day in providing Necessarys for their Families, to the great hinderance of Business, and Loss and Damage of the Town.

And Whereas We are Informed that Peter Faneuil of Boston Esquire hath been Generally pleased to Offer, at his Own proper Cost and Charge, to Erect and Build a noble and compleat Structure or Edifice to be Improved for a Market, for the sole Use, Benefit and advantage of the Town, Provided that the Town of Boston would pass a Vote for that purpose, and lay the same under Such proper Regulations as Shall be thought necessary, and constantly Support it for the said Use ——— Which Generous Offer, We the Subscribers thought proper to Communicate to You, Desiring that a Town Meeting may be Warned to Assemble, as soon as may be, to know the Mind of the Town, Whether the Inhabitants will Accept of the said Building proposed? Which, As We conceive will tend greatly to the Good and Benefit of the said Town. And We the said Subscribers would Humbly propose, that Notwithstanding the said Building should be Encouraged, and come to Effect, Yet that the Market People should be at Liberty to carry their Marketing wheresoever they pleased about the Town, in Order to dispose of the same.

Boston July 2nd. 1740.

Signed, Thomas Palmer
Edward Hutchinson
John Osborne, and

Others, to the Number of Three Hundred and Forty.

Upon a Motion made, and Seconded by many,

Voted, That the Thanks of this Town be given to Peter Faneuil Esquire, for his Generous Offer.

[**425.**] Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till the Afternoon, at Three O'Clock.

Afternoon, The Inhabitants Assembled ———

After considerable Debate upon the Subject matter of the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants ——— And the Proposal of Peter Faneuil Esquire, for Erecting a Market, as therein mentioned ——— A Motion was made and Seconded by many, And accordingly,

The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town will now proceed to Determine by a Vote — Whether they will Accept the Offer or Proposal of Peter Faneuil Esquire, of Erecting a Market House in Dock Square, at his own cost and charge, Agreeable to the Petition presented, and Read in the Morning?

It Pass'd in the Affirmative.

Upon a Motion made and Seconded,

A Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether Every Person Offering his Vote in this Affair should write his Name thereon?

It Pass'd in the Negative.

Then the Inhabitants were Desired to prepare their Votes in writing, either Yea or Nay; and to bring and Offer them at One of the Doors of the House ——— And the Assessors were directed to attend there with their Lists of Valuation of Estates and Facultys, that so None might be allow'd to Vote in the Affair, Excepting such as were Qualified according to Law ——— And it was also Declared, That it is determined by the present Meeting, to be the Sense of the Law, That No Person is Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, but such as were Rated in the last Tax Two Shillings and One penny New Tenor, Or Six Shillings and three pence Old Tenor, to the Province Tax, for his Personal Estate and Faculty, including Rents if they be his Own.

[**426.**] The Votes being Accordingly Collected it Appear'd, the Number of Voters was . . . . . 727.

Upon sorting the Votes, and Numbering them, It was found, the Number of Yea's were . . . . . 367.
and the Number of Nay's were . . . . . 360.

Voted, That the Select Men be, and hereby are Desired to wait upon Peter Faneuil Esquire, and to Present the Thanks of this Town to Him, As Voted in the Forenoon: And also to Acquaint Him, that the Town have, by their Vote, come to a Resolution to Accept of his Generous Offer of Erecting a Market House on Dock Square, according to his Proposal.

Voted, That the Other Affairs lying before this Meeting, be referr'd for Consideration, to the next General Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, in Town Meeting Assembled, at the Town House, On Tuesday the 25th. of November, 1740.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. Mather Byles,

A Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable John Quincy Esquire, Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives, Directed to the Select Men, Requiring them to Assemble the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants, to make Choice of, and Depute (if they See cause) A Person to serve for, and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly, now convened, held, and kept at the Court House in Boston, for his Majesty's Service; In the Room of Thomas Hutchinson [427.] Esquire, who is Sail'd for Great Britain; Together with the Warrant for Calling the Meeting, Read.

The Question was put, Viz^{t}. Whether the Town would proceed to the Choice of a Person to Serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly now sitting, in the Room of Thomas Hutchinson Esquire?

It Passed in the Affirmative.

Then the Laws respecting the Power of the Select Men to give Directions for the regular and orderly carrying on the Meetings for the Choice of Representatives, as also the Paragraph in the Charter respecting the same were Read.

It was then propos'd to the Town, as follows, Viz^{t}.

That if any Person or Persons Offering their Vote in the present Election should happen to be Objected to, as unqualified therefor —— He or they should have Liberty, after the Votes are Collected, to make good his or their Claim to that Privilege —— According to Law.

The Town proceeded accordingly to bring in their Votes for One Representative —— which being collected and Number'd —— the Number of Voters was found to be Four Hundred and Fourteen.

Upon sorting the Votes, it appear'd that Mr. Timothy Prout was Chosen, by a Majority of Votes. Viz^{t}. Two Hundred and Thirty four Votes. ——

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

[428.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at the Town House, on Monday the Ninth of March, A.D. 1740.

Prayer being made by the Reverend Mr. Mather Byles.

The Warrant for calling the Meeting —— Read.

The Town then proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator, and the Votes being Accordingly Collected, it Appear'd that Mr. Thomas Cushing, was Chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Sundry Laws, Read.

Samuel Gerrish was Chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and Sworn.

It being represented to the Town that the said Samuel Gerrish is detained by Indisposition;

Voted, That Samuel Gerrish Junr. Officiate as Town Clerk pro Tempore, who was Accordingly Sworn.

Sundry Petitions, Reports and Motions —— Viz^{t}.

A Petition of Mr. John Staniford, relating to the Building a Bridge over Charles River —— Read.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, relating to Shooting Pidgeons —— Read.

A Petition of the Masters of the Fire Engines —— Read.

A Petition of Mr. Edward Gray, and others, about Bartons Rope Walk —— Read.

A Petition of Messrs. John Morey and John Walley, Coroners, for Allowance for past Services —— Read.

A Petition of Mr. Zechariah Hicks, for Addition to his Salary as Usher of the North Writing School. Read.

A Petition of Thomas Moulin &c. Grave Diggers —— Read.

A Petition of John Hooker &c. to be Admitted Grave Diggers —— Read.

A Report of the Select Men on the Visitation of the Publick Schools —— Read.

A Motion made by the Select Men, for impowering them, [**429.**] Or their Successors to Lease out the Towns Land near the North Battery, and on the Neck; a former Vote of this Town for giving Twelve Months Notice thereof, Notwithstanding.

Mr. Jonathan Williams made a Motion relating to the Inconvenience of Ice and Snow, lying in the Streets of Boston in the Winter Season, whereby the passing and repassing is render'd dangerous.

Capt. Nathanael Cunningham made a Motion about Paying the Representatives out of the Town Treasury.

Mr. Jeremiah Belknap made a Motion that the Granary should be kept Open, four Days in a Week.

Mr. Jonathan Williams made a Motion, that a Plan be taken of the Town Lands on or near Fort hill, and the Town Rights in general, and lodg'd in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Shem Drowne made a Motion, respecting the Repairing the Batterys of the Town and enquiring into the State of the Guns.

Major John Hill made a Motion, that the Town would take into Consideration, some Method for the more effectual just admeasurement of Cord Wood.

Mr. William Greenleaf made a Motion, that the Fire Wards be excus'd from other Dutys. ——

Then the Town proceeded to the Choice of Officers &c.

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Seven Select Men,

The Votes being Accordingly Collected and Sorted, it Appear'd that the following Gentlemen were Chosen to that Office for the Year ensuing, Viz^t^.

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth.
Caleb Lyman Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Hancock
Mr. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. John Steel
} Select-Men.

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourn'd to Three O'Clock, this Afternoon.

[430.] Afternoon, the Town being Assembled.

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Overseers of the Poor, for the year ensuing, Viz^t.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.	Overseers of Poor.
William Tyler Esqr.	
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood	
Major John Hill	
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.	
Daniel Henchman Esqr.	
Joshua Cheever Esqr.	
Mr. Edward Bromfield	
Capt. William Downe	
Mr. Samuel Hunt	
Andrew Oliver Esqr.	
Mr. Isaac White	

Voted, to Chuse Twelve Constables distinct from the Collectors of Taxes. Accordingly ——

Messrs. Peter Cade	Pay	Constables.
Benjamin Green, (Merchant,)	Pay	
William Patten	Belongs to the Life Guard.	
Samuel Allen, (Shopkeeper)	Pay	
George Ledain	Excused	
William Cowell	Excus'd	
Edward Tuttle	Paid in, 1728	
Henry Wethered	Sworn	
Francis Johonnot	Excus'd	
John Barrell	Pay	
Thomas Speakman	Excus'd	
Thomas Lambert	Excus'd	

were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

The Freeholders of the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds &c. for the County of Suffolk which being Collected were, according to Law, Sealed up by Constable Andrew Symmes by him to be kept, and returned to the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk.

[431.] Then the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer which being Collected were, according to Law Sealed up by Constable Andrew Symmes by him to be kept, and returned to the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk.

Messrs. John Dabney Junr.	Excus'd	Constables
John Davis	Sworn	
John Tucker	Sworn	
Ephraim Wheeler	Excus'd	
Caleb Richardson	Paid in 1738.	
James Clough	Belongs to the Life Guard.	
Sendall Williams	Sworn	
James Monk	Pay	
John Woodhouse	Pay.	

were Chosen Constables.

Voted, to come to the Choice of a Town Treasurer, To Morrow at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon.

The Motion made by Mr. Jonathan Williams at the Opening this meeting, being bro't under Consideration — After a Debate thereon, ——

Voted, that the Select Men be desired to prepare a By-Law to present to the next General Town Meeting, for Impowering the Scavengers to Oblige the Inhabitants to remove the Ice and Snow from before their Houses &c. whereby passing and repassing in the Streets in the Winter, is many times Obstructed and rendered dangerous.

Upon the Motion of the Select Men, as Entred at the Opening this Meeting. ——

Voted, That the Select Men be desired and are hereby Impowered to Lease out the Towns Land near the North Battery, and the Marsh on the Neck, to such Persons, at such Rents, and for such time as they shall think most for the Towns Interest and advantage, not exceeding Seven Years; the Town Vote and Order made and passed the Thirteenth of March, 1732, to the Contrary hereof Notwithstanding.

[**432.**] After a Debate on the Motion made by Mr. Jonathan Williams at the beginning of the Meeting, respecting the Town Rights, on and about Fort hill or Elsewhere, and making a Plan thereof &c. ——

The Question was put, Whether the Town will now proceed to the Choice of a Committee to enquire into the Town Rights on and about Fort hill or elsewhere, and the Encroachments that have been made upon them, and prepare a Plan of the same to be exhibited to the next General Town Meeting, with the Names of such Persons as have made any Encroachments thereon?

It passed in the Affirmative.

Voted, that the Number of this Committee be Five.

And that,

Messrs. Hugh Vans
Samuel Adams Esqr
Shem Drowne
Jonathan Williams
Joseph Marion
} Committee.

be a Committee for the same purpose

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, at Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, March, 10th. 1740.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment.

The Report of the Select Men, on the Visitation of the Publick Schools, being presented, was Read, and is as follows, Viz^t.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston in Town Meeting Assembled, March, 9. 1740.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at their Annual Meeting the 11th. of March last past, Desiring the Select Men to Visit the Several Publick Schools in the Town and to desire such Gentlemen to Accompany them [**433.**] therein, as they shall think proper, and to Report thereon. ——

We the Subscribers accordingly Attended that Service, on Monday the 23d. of June last, Accompanied by the following Gentlemen ——

Vizt.

The Hon. Adam Winthrop Esqr.
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
The Rev. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Rev. Mr. William Welsteed
The Rev. Mr. Mather Byles
The Rev. Mr. Jeremiah Condy
Mr. Thomas Cushing
Mr. Edward Bromfield, and
Mr. James Allen. ——

and found the said Schools under a good Regulation, The Number of Scholars in the said Schools being as follows, Vizt. In the South Grammar School, Eighty five, In the North Grammar School, Sixty, In the Writing School in Queen Street, Eighty three, In the South Writing School, Fifty three in the North Writing School, Two Hundred and Seventy. ——

JOHN JEFFRIES
ALEXANDER FORSYTH
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
THOMAS HANCOCK
MIDDLECOTT COOKE
} Select-Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted, And that the Gentlemen the Select Men be desired to Visit the Publick Schools the Year ensuing, And that they desire such Gentlemen to Accompany them therein, as they shall think convenient, and that they Report thereon. ——

The Petition of James Read and others, the Masters of the Fire Engines, in behalf of themselves and their Companys. Praying that they may be Exempted from Serving in other Town [**434.**] Offices for the Year ensuing, And that the Premium which the Town granted the last Year to the first Engine which should be bro't to Work upon any Building on Fire, might be Continued, for Reasons mentioned.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be Granted.

Messrs. Charles Dabney	Excus'd	Constables.
Alexander Young	Sworn	
Jonathan Lowder	Sworn	
John Ruddock	Sworn	
Andrew Johonnot	Pay	
Richard Gridley	Sworn	

were Chosen Constables.

The Motion made in the beginning of the Meeting by Mr. William Greenleaf, that the Fire Wards be excus'd from other Duty; being bro't under consideration.

The Question was put, Whether they shall be exempted from any other Duty, on Account of their Service, as Fire Wards?

It passed in the Negative.

The Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing, and Sworn.

Messrs.	Richard Buckley	Assessors.
	Peter Thomas	
	Joshua Blanchard	
	William Salter	
	Daniel Pecker	
	Nathanael Barber	
	Nathanael Gardner	Sworn.

were Chosen Assessors for the Year ensuing.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, Setting forth the several Inconveniences arising from the practice of Shooting at Pigeons, from the Tops of Houses, within the Town. Read again ——

Whereupon it was Voted, That a Committee be [**435.**] Chosen to prepare a By-Law to prevent the Inconvenience above mentioned, and to insert therein a Clause also to prevent the Soldiers firing Guns in the Streets, after they are dismiss'd from Trainings.

Voted, That this Committee Consist of Five Persons.

And

The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.	Committee.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.	
Mr. Edward Bromfield	
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.	
Mr. Thomas Cushing	

were Chosen a Committee for the same purpose, and desired to report thereon as soon as may be.

A Petition of Mr. Edward Gray and others, respecting the High Way laid out thro' Bartons Rope Walk —— Read again, and

Voted, That a Committee be Chosen to take the Subject Matter of this Petition into Consideration, to View the said High Way, and Report to the Town what they think proper to be done thereon as soon as may be.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for this purpose.

Messrs.	Onesiphorus Tileston	Sworn	Hogreves.
	John Brocas		
	John Mellidge	Sworn	
	Obadiah Cookson		

were Chosen Hogreves, for the Year ensuing.

Messrs.	Joseph Russell		Fence Viewers.
	Caleb Ray	Sworn	
	Thomas Foster		
	John Indicott		
	Hopestill Foster		
	Benjamin Russell	Sworn	
	John Adams	Sworn	

were Chosen Fence Viewers.

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Messrs.	Edward Moberly	Sworn	Viewers of Shingles &c.
	Joseph White	Sworn	
	William Paine	Sworn	
	Matthew Barnard	Sworn	
	Edward Richards	Sworn	
	Moses Eayres	Sworn	

were Chosen Surveyors of Boards, Timber, Shingles &c.

Messrs. John Helyer	Sworn		
Harvey Thomas	Sworn		
Samuel Green	Sworn	Cullers of Staves.	
John Hobbs	Sworn		
Benjamin Sault	Sworn		

were Chosen Cullers of Staves.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of High Ways.

Messrs. Jeremiah Belknap	Informers about Deer.
Richard Hubbard	

to Inform against and Prosecute the Violaters of the Act for the better Preservation and Increase of Deer within this Province.

Mr. Isaac Gridley was Chosen Surveyor of Hemp. Sworn.

Messrs. John Allen		
Robert Williams	Sworn	
Thomas Inches		Sealers of Leather.
Nathanael Hodgdon	Sworn	
Samuel May	Sworn	
Benjamin Mason	Sworn	

were Chosen Sealers of Leather.

Mr. Richard-Carter Cowell, was Chosen Haward, for the Year ensuing.

Messrs. George Gerrish	Sworn	Clerks of the Market.
John Simpson (Retailer)	Excus'd	
John McNeal	Sworn	

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Messrs. Benjamin Walcutt	Sworn	
John Tyng		
John Wendell Junr.	Sworn	Clerk of the Market
Harrison Gray	Excus'd	
Jeremiah Green		
Edward Langdon	Excus'd	

were Chosen Clerks of the Market, for the Year ensuing.

Messrs. John Collson	
Samuel Hill	
John Adams	
Francis Righton	
Jeremiah Belknap	
Robert Patteshall	Scavengers.
Andrew Halyburton	
Thomas Boucher	
James Cary	
Ellis Wilson	
John Bennett	
Joseph Savell	

were Chosen Scavengers.

Voted, That the Affair of Fortifications, with the Select Mens Report, about Money arising by the Sale of Three Townships, and of Methods for Supplying the Town with Fire Wood, and the better admeasurement of the same, be bro't under Consideration this Afternoon at Four O'clock; And that the Affair of Fortifications be first Considered.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

Messrs. Anthony Sigourney Pay } Constables.
Thomas Goldthwait Pay }

were Chosen Constables.

The Select Men's Report of their Examination of Mr. [438.] Francis Willoughby's Account of the Granary for the Year past, And entred in Mr. Willoughby's Book, —— Read.

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted; And that Mr. Willoughby be accordingly further Accountable for Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven Bushels of Indian Corn; Thirty One Bushels of Rye, And the Sum of Five Hundred Forty One Pounds One Shilling and Ten pence in Bills of Credit, the whole of which amounts to Nine Hundred and Ten Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Ten pence, which remains in his hands, Exclusive of Mr. Willoughby's Salary for the Year past, Viz^t^. One Hundred Pounds which is hereby also Allowed ——

A Petition of John Hooker and Abia Holbrook, desiring to be Admitted as Grave Diggers, presented at the Town Meeting the 14. July last, and then refer'd for further Consideration —— together with the Proposals and Petition of Thomas Moulin, Isaac Peirce and John Chambers in Answer —thereto, —— Read, and

Voted, That the Consideration of both the foregoing Petitions be refer'd to the Select Men who are hereby Impowered to Appoint such further Obligations, Restrictions and Regulations about the Premisses as they shall think Convenient.

Messrs. John Smith Sworn } Constables.
William Taylor Paid }

were Chosen Constables.

A By-Law for preventing Danger by the Shooting at Pigeons &c. within the Town of Boston &c. prepared by the Committee Appointed for that purpose in the forenoon, was presented, —— Read, and is as follows, Viz^t^.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, regularly Assembled in a Publick Town Meeting at the Town house in Boston, on March, 10th. 1740.

Whereas many Complaints have been made for [439.] Divers years past, that the Inhabitants and others in the Town of Boston, have been greatly endangered both in their Persons and Estates, by firing Guns at Pigeons and other Game, from the Streets, Yards, Pastures or other Inclosures, or from the Commons or Hills in this Town.

For Prevention whereof for the future.

It is Voted and Ordered, That every Person whosoever, that shall hereafter Fire any Gun at Pigeons or other Game, from any of the House Tops, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Yards, Pastures, Gardens or other Inclosures, or from the Commons or Hills in the Town of Boston or any other place Northward of the Fortification on the Neck, shall incur and forfeit the Penalty of Twenty Shillings in Province Bills, for each time he shall so Fire or Shoot a Gun, One Moiety to be to the Informer, and the other to the Poor

of the Town, upon Conviction before any Justice of the Peace in the County of Suffolk.

And Whereas frequently on Training Days, after the Exercise of such Days is finished, many Inconsiderate Persons in Sport and Diversion Fire Guns to the danger or Terror and Affrightment of many Persons.

It is further Voted and Ordered, That every Person who shall fire a Gun on such Days after the Exercise is ended, and Soldiers dismissed by the Officers, tho' loaden with Powder only, shall incur and be Subject to the Penalty of Twenty Shillings to be disposed of, as aforesaid, on Conviction before a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid.

This Order to remain and be in force till the Town shall Vote the Repeal thereof. ——

The foregoing By-Law or Order being Considered and Approved ——

Ordered, That the Select Men present the said By-Law to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk for their Confirmation.

[**440.**] A Petition of John Morey and John Walley, Coroners for some Allowance for Services done for the Town —— Read again And Refer'd to the Select Men to do in the Affair as they shall think proper.

The Select Men's Report relating to the Money, Arising from the Sale of Three Townships granted by the General Court, presented March, 10th. 1739, and then refer'd for further Consideration —— Read.

After a Considerable Debate on the Defenceless State of the Town, and Methods to redress the same.

Voted, That a Committee be Appointed to Apply to the Several Inhabitants for Subscriptions in Order to raise the Sum of about Twenty Thousand Pounds to be Improved in putting the Town into a proper Posture of Defence.

Voted, That the Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor together with the Collectors of Taxes, be a Committee for this purpose, and be desired to proceed forthwith to take Subscriptions accordingly.

Voted, That there be a Committee Appointed to Consider in what manner it may be best to lay out such Moneys as shall be raised in Fortifying and Defending the Town, and wait on the Captain General to Acquaint him with the Steps the Town have taken in this Affair — and Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting, And Accordingly,

The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
James Bowdoin Esqr.
Mr. Shem Drowne
Mr. Owen Harris
Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Mr. Jeffery Bedgood
Francis Wells Esqr.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
} Committee.

were Chosen a Committee for the same purpose.

[441.] Messrs Richard Gooding Sworn
William Menzies Sworn } Constables
Nathanael Showers Pay

were Chosen Constables.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Monday the 23^d. Instant, at Three o'Clock Afternoon.

Monday, March, 23^d. 1740.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

The Question was put, Whether the Town will Choose a Committee for Purchasing Grain &c. by a handy Vote?

It passed in the Affirmative.

and

Messrs. Edward Jackson
John Salter } Committee
Jeremiah Belknap

were Chosen a Committee for Purchasing Grain; who are hereby Impowered to give all Needful Directions to the Master of the Granary, respecting the Quantities of Grain to be Sold, and Setting the price thereof from time to time.

Mr. John Staniford's Petition relating to the Building a Bridge over Charles River &c. —— Read, and

Voted, That it be refer'd for further Consideration at the next General Town Meeting.

The Report of a Committee Appointed to Consider of the best Methods for laying out the Monies, that may be raised by Subscription in Fortifying the Town &c. being presented was Read.

Voted, That the Committee be desired to reduce His Excellency's Message to the Town relating to Fortifications to Writing, and lay it upon the Table.

The Committee appointed to take Subscriptions for raising Money to be laid out in Fortifying the Town —— Reported, [442.] As follows, Viz^t. That the Inhabitants in General declared they would not Subscribe, until they knew the places where the Fortifications are to be raised, and the Committee who are to lay out the Money.

Mr. William Young was Chosen Constable. Pay.

Voted, That Twelve pence on the Pound be, and hereby is Allowed to be paid to the Several Collectors of Taxes within this Town for the Year ensuing —— They giving Bond with Sufficient Suretys, for the faithful discharge of their Office, to the Satisfaction of the Select Men.

Voted, That there be a Committee Appointed to View and Consider the State of the Alms house and report at the next General Meeting what Repairs and Additions may be proper to be made thereto.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor, in Conjunction, with,

Messrs. Jacob Parker
Joseph Russell } Committee.
David Collson

be a Committee for this purpose.

Mr. Treasurer Wadsworth presenting an Estimate of what may

be proper to be raised by this Town, for Defraying the Charges of the Current Year.

Voted, That the Granting of Money for Defraying the Charges of the Current Year, be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Messrs. Jacob Sheafe
John Staniford, Sworn } Collectors of Taxes.
John Goldthwait

were Chosen Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing.

Mr. Nicholas Lash was Chosen Constable. Pay.

[443.] The Committee's Report of the Captain General's Answer to them relating to Fortifying the Town ——— being presented, was Read, and is as follows, Viz^t.

The Committee waited on His Excellency the Governonr and Captain General, and Acquainted His Excellency with the Town's desires of Defending and Fortifying themselves, and particularly that the Committee had been considering of Repairing the North and South Battery, and of Stopping the Channel near the Castle, which projections he seem'd not to dislike, but gave Us for Answer in General, that he was very desirous the Town might be Fortified, and that if the Town should raise any Money, he would take Care that it should be laid out in the best places and in the best manner for the Safety and Defence of the Town, and take the best Advice, and did not doubt he should do it to the Town's Acceptance, But that he insisted to Appoint the places for Fortifications, and the Committee for laying out the Money.

In the Name & by Order of the Committee.

Boston March. 23. 1740/1. SAMUEL WELLES.

The Committee's Report about Methods for laying out the Money that may be rais'd by Subscriptions for Fortifying the Town ——— Read, and is as follows, Viz^t.

The Committee Appointed by the Town at their Meeting, March, 9th. instant, to wait on the Captain General and Consider in what manner, with his leave, it may be best to lay out such Money as shall be raised for Fortifying and Defending the Town, Are of Opinion,

That the Old part of the North Battery should be repaired, and that an Addition should be made of Fifteen feet on the South Eastern Side or Front of it, for the whole length, and at the North Eastern End about Thirty feet Added of the Breadth of both the Old and New Work, the Addition both to the length and Breadth to be of Stone, up to the Platform and Breast-Work, which they propose to be of Wood, the Breast Work of [444.] Square Pine Timber, and the Platform of Oak Plank.

That the South Battery be Rebuilt and fitted to Receive Guns in the former Line the whole Length of it.

That the House or Sconce by the South Battery be Repaired and made fit to receive and keep the Needful Stores, The Cost of these Reparations the Committee Apprehend will be Five Thousand Pounds.

The Committee are further of Opinion, that it will be very much for the Security and Defence of the Town, that it be render'd Impracticable in Case of an Invasion, for any large Ship to come

up the Channel, within about Three Miles of the Town, and that the Committee might Report more Understandingly, they have Measured the Breadth and Depth of the Channel between the upper Middle Ground and Governours Island, and find it between a Thousand and Eleven Hundred feet, and at Nipt Tides about Sixteen feet, deep on an average, except about Forty Feet which they find of the Depth of Twenty five to Twenty Seven feet; The Committee Propose that about Twenty Piers of Thirty feet Square each and Sixteen feet high, be built and placed within Fifteen feet of each other across the Channel, which will render it Impassable for a large Ship, except about Two Hundred feet in the best of the Channel, which may in a few hours be wholly Stop't by two or or three large Hulks, prepared and lying ready for the purpose, There is a place between the lower point of Governours Island and the lower part of Castle Island, which would be preferable to this if not too deep or broad (which some say is easier than this) but the Committee have not had Opportunity to Measure it, the Charge of this Stoppage, with large Allowance for loss and disappointment, the Committee have Computed at Fifteen Thousand Pounds.

In the Name and by Order of the Committee,

Boston March. 23. 1740/1 SAMUEL WELLES.

The Question was put, Whether the Town will [445.] Further pursue the Affair of raising Money, either by Subscriptions or Taxes, in Order to put this Town into a proper Posture of Defence in the Way and manner in which the Captain General insists it shall be done?

It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Aftar Stoddard was Chosen Constable. Sworn.

Voted, That the Committee appointed the Ninth, Instant, to Consider in what manner the Town may be best Fortified and Defended, be and hereby are desired to repair below the Castle, and Measure the Width and Depth of the Channel, between Castle William and Governours Island, and prepare a Memorial to lay before the General Court, Setting forth how much it will be for the Security of the Province to Sink a Number of Hulks, in the said Channel near Castle William; And humbly to propose That inasmuch as the Supply of the Province Treasury is Attended with difficulty, this Town will endeavour to Obtain from their Principal Inhabitants a Loan of Money free of Interest, for that purpose, if the General Court will please to Accept of the same, until the Treasury can be Supply'd for their Reimbursement, And that the Committee be desired to report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting accordingly.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Monday the 30th. instant, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

Monday, March. 30th. 1741.

The Town being Assembled, according to Adjournment.

Messrs John Grant Sworn } Clerks of the Market.
Thomas Jackson }

were Chosen Clerks of the Market.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr. from the Committee

Appointed to Examin the Overseers Accounts relating to the Workhouse —— Presented their Report thereon, which was Read, and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

[**446.**] The Committee unto whom was referred the Auditing the Accounts of the Overseers relating to the Workhouse, have Attended that Service and upon Examination of their Books find the Charge for Provisions Clothing &c. for the Persons in said House for Nineteen Months past, Amounts to One Thousand Six Hundred three Pounds Seven Shillings and One penny, and the Several Species purchased for Manufactory by the Persons in said House, Amounts to Six Hundred Twenty two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and three pence also for Mr. Taylor the Keepers Salary One Year and an half at One Hundred and fifty Pounds p Annum is Two Hundred Twenty five Pounds Amounting in the whole to Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One Pounds Three Shillings and four pence.

We likewise find that the Species Manufactor'd and Sold Amounts to One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty five Pounds Eight Shillings and Seven pence; Species Manufactored remaining in the House Unsold Two Hundred Thirty four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six pence Debts, Outstanding for Manufactored Goods Sold amounts to One Hundred Ninety Seven Pounds Six Shillings and three pence, Provissions and Wood in said House and not yet Expended Eighty Pounds making in the whole One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Pounds Eight Shillings and four pence.

By which it Appears the Neat Charge of the Workhouse for Nineteen Months past is Five Hundred Fifty three Pounds Fifteen Shillings Due on the Maintenance of said House, during which Term taking One time with another, We find there has been Upward of Forty People provided for, and that there is now in said House Fifty-five Persons, Vizt. Ten Men, Thirty Eight Women and Seven Children, We also find that the Furniture of said House Amounts to Two Hundred Twenty three Pounds Eight Shillings and Six pence, that there has been laid out for Clapboarding the Backside and other Repairs of the House Two Hundred Fifty four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Seven pence, and for Tools and Utensils Eighteen Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Two pence, which, three Several Sums Amounts to Four Hundred Ninety Six [**447.**] Pounds Eighteen Shillings and three pence. ——

All which is referred to the Town for their Consideration.

Edward Hutchinson.
Boston March. 23^{d}. 1740/— Nathanael Balston.
J^{o}. Wheelwright
Core^{s}. Waldo.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted.

Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be and hereby are desired to proceed in the Usual way to take Care of the Affairs of the Workhouse, and to draw on the Town Treasurer for what Money may be needful in carrying on said Affairs.

The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr. from the Committee Appointed the 9th. instant to repair below the Castle, and to Measure the

Wedth and Depth of the Channel between Castle William and Governour's Island, Presented their Report, with a Plan of said Channel; And having also according to Order prepared a Memorial and Petition to be presented to the General Court, laid the same before the Town for their Approbation —— Read, which Report is as follows, Vizt.

The Committee according to the direction of the Town at their Meeting the 23d. instant, repaired on Fryday the 27th. Currant, to the Channel between Castle Island and the South Eastern point of Governours Island and find it to be Fourteen Hundred and Fifty Seven feet Wide, and from Three to Four Fathom Deep, and the very deepest in some places Twenty Seven feet in Common Nip't Tides, And therefore about Twenty three or Twenty four feet in Common Spring Tides, They have Computed the Charge of fixing Piers of Thirty feet Square, made of Pine Timber and Stone to be Set Angling cross the Channel at Ten or Twelve feet distance, with Hulks to fill up Three or Four Hundred feet, to be left for the Ordinary Navigation, at Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, That the Town may more readily Apprehend and Judge of what is proposed, The Committee have prepared a [448.] Plan which is herewith presented, They have also prepared a Petition or Memorial to be laid before the Honourable General Court, if the Town shall think proper. ——

In the Name and by Order of the Committee,

Boston March. 30. 1741. SAMUEL WELLES.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

Mr. Zachariah Hicks, Usher of the North Writing School, his Petition for raising his Salary — Read, and

The Question being put, Whether there shall be any Addition made to Mr. Hicks's Salary?

It passed in the Affirmative. ——

Upon a Motion made,

Voted to refer the further Consideration of this Petition to the next General Town Meeting: and in the mean time to Appoint a Committee to enquire into the particular Circumstances relating thereto, and of Mr. Procter's Perquisites, &c.

Voted, That the Select Men be a Committee for this purpose, who are desired to Report thereon accordingly.

The Proposal made by the Select Men as inserted in the Warrant, Vizt. To Consider of some proper Method for Supplying the Town with Fire Wood, being Accordingly bro't under Consideration —— After some Debate thereon,

Voted, That a Committee be Chosen and Appointed to Consider of the most proper and easy Way of Purchasing a Quantity of Cord Wood, for the Service of the Town.

Voted, That the Motion made by Major Hill at the Opening of this Meeting, relating to the just Admeasurement of Wood, be also refer'd to the said Committee.

Voted, That the Number of this Committee be Five, And

Mr. Isaac White
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Thomas Hubbard Esqr. } Committee.
Mr. John Indicott, and
Mr. John Wheelwright

[**449.**] Were Chosen a Committee for the same purpose, who are desired to Report thereon at the next General Town Meeting.

A Motion made by Capt. Nathanael Cunningham, at the Opening of this Meeting, about Paying the Representatives out of the Town Treasury, being bro't under Consideration —— After some Debate thereon,

It was Voted, That the Representatives of the Town be directed, so often as any List for the Pay of the Honourable House of Representatives shall be made up, to receive a Certificate from the Clerk of the House, of their Attendance, and lodge the same with the Town Treasurer, to whom only they shall Apply for their Pay, and Provission shall be made for them there Accordingly. ——

The Memorial and Petition to the Great and General Court for Liberty to Block up the Channel between Castle William and Governour's Island &c. Read again — and is as follows, Vizt.

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, the Honourable the Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, March. 26th. 1741.

The Memorial and Petition of the Town of Boston, Humbly Sheweth,

That they Apprehend, it would be a great Security to the Province, especially to the Castle, if the Channel, below Castle William, between Castle Island and the South Eastern point of Governours Island was Stop't and made Unpassable for large Ships unless for the breadth of Three or Four Hundred feet in the best of the Channel as may be judged, would Sufficiently Accommodate the Common and Necessary Navigation; That they might be Able to make a more clear and certain Representation of this Affair to Your Excellency and Honours, the Town hath Appointed a Committee, who have [**450.**] Very Exactly Measured the Depth and Breadth of the Channel at the place aforesaid, and find it to be Fourteen Hundred and Fifty Seven feet Wide and that it is from about Three to Four Fathom deep and the very deepest not more than Twenty Seven feet at low water in Common Nip't Tides and not above Twenty Three or Twenty Four feet at low water in Common Spring Tides, As may be more particularly seen by a Plan herewith humbly presented; About Six Hundred feet on each Side of the Channel, It is proposed should be Stop't by Piers made of Timber and Stone Thirty feet Square and set Angling across the Channel at about Ten or Twelve feet Distance and about Twenty One or Twenty two feet high at a mean, till the whole Channel be Stop't, Except about Three or Four Hundred feet as aforesaid in the midst between the Flatts on the Side of Castle William and the Flatts from the South Eastern Point of Governours Island, and the Three or Four Hundred feet so left may be Stop't in a few hours, with Hulks prepared and lying ready for that end, The Charge of this

Undertaking has been Computed with large Allowance for losses and Casualties which may happen, at Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, — Now May it Please Your Excellency and Honours, as the Treasury is not Supplied, and as there seem to be Considerable Difficulties in the Way of it.

It is humbly Requested, That You would please to Direct this Affair to be carried on if a Number of private Persons, will Advance Sufficient to effect this Work and wait without Interest till the Difficulties may be removed, and there shall be money in the Province Treasury for their Reimbursement.

The Question being put, Whether the said Memorial and Petition shall be prefer'd to the General Court?

It passed in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to Sign and prefer the said Memorial and Petition to the General Court accordingly. ———

[**451.**] Voted, That the Thanks of the Town, be returned to the Gentlemen the Committee for Fortifications, for the Care and Pains they have taken in that Affair.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified, and lawfully Warned, in Town Meeting Assembled, on Fryday, the 8th. of May. 1741.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Ellis Gray.

The Precept, and Warrant for Calling the Meeting, Read. ———

Sundry Laws ——— Read.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. One of the Select Men, in their Name, proposed to the Inhabitants Assembled, to proceed to the Choice of a Person or Persons to Serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly to be held at Boston the 27th. of May Current, And in Order thereto to Consider and Ascertain the Number of Gentlemen to be Elected. Accordingly ———

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being Collected the Number of Voters were found to be, Four Hundred, Ninety five. And Upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared, That the following Gentlemen, were Chosen by a Major part of the Votes.

Vizt.

	No. of Votes.
Mr. Thomas Cushing	446
Mr. Timothy Prout	414
Mr. Edward Bromfield	431
Mr. James Allen	323.

The Election of Representatives being ended, and [**452.**] The same declared by the Select Men. ———

The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator by written Votes ——— which being Collected, it Appeared, that

Mr. Thomas Cushing was Chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

A Motion made by Thomas Hubbard Esqr. to remove the Fence before the Alms house as far as the Work house.

A Motion made by Abiel Walley Esq. that the Overseers of the Poor be desir'd Vigourously to pursue the Steps of the Law,

impowering them to put Poor Children out to Service, ——— The Question being put, Whether this Motion be Sustained? It passed in the Negative.

A Motion made by the Select Men respecting the High Way, between the South end of the Town, and the Fortification, which was given by the Town to certain Proprietors on Condition, of their keeping the same in Repair, desiring Directions from the Town how to proceed in that Affair.

A Motion made by Mr. Jeremiah Belknap that the Stock for Purchasing Grain, should be increas'd.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Three o'Clock, Afternoon.

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

Sundry Petitions ——— Read,

Vizt.

Of Joseph Ingraham, to be Continued One of the Cullers of Staves.

Of Messrs. John Staniford and John Goldthwait, Collectors of Taxes for the Year. 1740. that the Assessors may be Allowed to Set upon Abatements till the latter end of October next.

The Select Men presented a Draft of a By-Law [453.] To Oblige the Inhabitants to remove or level the Ice or Snow lying in the Streets in the Winter Season, whereby the passing and repassing is often Obstructed and rendered dangerous ——— Read, which is as follows, Vizt.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled, May 8th. A.D. 1741. ———

For keeping the Streets Lanes and High Ways, passable in the Town of Boston in the Winter Season.

Whereas by reason of the Inhabitants in the Winter Season, carrying the Snow out of their Yards, and laying it in heaps in the High Way, and Neglecting to make Convenient Paths before their Houses and Lands, renders the Passing in the Streets and High Ways exceeding Difficult to the Inhabitants, and to the Countrey People in bringing Wood and Provisions to Market.

For Remedy whereof,

Voted, That the Scavingers for the time being, and such as shall hereafter be Chosen thereto, Are hereby Authorized and Impowered to Warn and Order all Persons within their respective Ward or Wards, who are or shall be Occupiers of any Houses, Lands or Tenements Abutting on any of the Streets and Lanes in the Town of Boston, to keep clear a good and Sufficient Path before the same, from Ice and Snow; and what Snow or Ice they throw or carry into the High Way, that they Spread and Level the same to the Approbation of the Scavingers, And any Person or Persons refusing or Neglecting to do the same, Six hours after Warning given by the Scavingers shall forfeit and Pay the Sum of Fifteen Shillings for every Neglect, or Treble the Cost the Scavingers shall be at, in getting the same done, the Fine to be for the Use of the

Poor of the Town, ——— That the Evidence of any One Person with the Scavinger shall be Sufficient to Convict any Person or Persons of the Breach of this Order. ———

This Order to Continue in force until the Town see [454.] Convenient to Order otherwise.

The foregoing Order or By-Law, having been Read.

Voted, That the same be Accepted, And that the Select Men be and hereby are desired to present the same to the next General Sessions of the Peace, for their Approbation.

The Report of the Committee Appointed to Consider of a proper Method, of Supplying the Town with a Sufficient Quantity of Fire Wood, and Admeasurement of the same, being presented, —— Read, and is as follows. Vizt.

The Committee unto whom was refer'd the Consideration of the most proper Method of Purchasing Wood for the Service of the Town and of some Expedient whereby every Inhabitant may have his just Admeasurement thereof, to Effect the same have been lead into the following Opinion.

1st. That a Quantity of good Wood, not exceeding 400 Cord, be bought with ready Money at the Cheapest Rate, and Landed at each end and Middle of the Town (where it may be Landed without much Cost for laying) for the better Accommodation of the Inhabitants when their Absolute Necessity shall require the same.

2dly. Every Cart or Sled Usually carrying Wood from off Wharffs or other proper landing Places shall have a Suitable Number of Flat Stakes firmly fixt in the Body of the Cart or Sled up right, which Stakes shall be Branded or have some other proper Mark of Distinction at a highth and length that will Contain 2 foot or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Cord of Wood well Stowed all length Ways, an other Mark on said Stakes at a Highth and Length that will Contain 4 foot or $\frac{1}{2}$ Cord of Wood, and another mark at a Highth and Length that will Contain Six foot or $\frac{3}{4}$th. of a Cord of Wood, whereby each Inhabitant may See at his own Door that he has the Quantity of Wood he bought —— All which [455.] is humbly Submitted to the Towns farther Consideration.

Boston May. 8th. 1741.

ISAAC WHITE
SAMUEL ADAMS
THOMAS HUBBARD
JOHN INDICOTT
Jº. WHEELWRIGHT

The Committee Appointed to View and Consider the State of the Alms house and what Repairs and Additions may be proper to be made thereto —— presented their Report —— which was Read, and is as follows, Vizt.

Pursuant to the above Vote, We have Carefully Viewed the Alms house, and find it Necessary that the following Repairs be made, Vizt. All the Floors, Stairs, Doors, Windows, Window frames and Cellar Doors be made new; And We are also of Opinion that 'tis necessary to make an Additional Building of Ninety feet long, and the same Wedth with the Old House to Accommodate the Poor. ———

Isaac White	Joshua Cheever	Jacob Wendell
Jacob Parker	Edward Bromfield	William Tyler
Joseph Russell	William Downe	John Hill
David Collson	Samuel Hunt	Thomas Hubbard
	Andrew Oliver	Daniel Henchman

Voted, That the Committee be desired to Cause the Necessary Repairs of the Alms house to be effected, and that the Consideration of the other part of the Report relating to an additional Building, be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting, and that the Select Men be desir'd to Insert the same in the Warrant for calling the said Meeting, as also the Granting Land, whereon to Erect the same. ———

The Committee Appointed to enquire into the Town Rights &c. —— Reported, That they have not had opportunity to Accomplish that Affair so as fully to make Report thereon at this Meeting, upon which they were desired to pursue the said Affair and Report thereon at the next General Meeting, [**456.**] or as soon after as may be. ———

Mr. Zachariah Hicks's Petition, for Addition to his Salary, as Usher of the North Writing School, and the Select Men's Report thereon, was Read, which Report is as follows, Vizt. ———

Pursuant to the above Vote of the Town, We have made enquiry into the Circumstances of the North Writing School, which consists of about Two Hundred and Eighty Scholars, A Master and Usher, the Master has Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds p Annum; the Usher One Hundred and Fifty Pounds ——— We don't find that any Children of the Town have been refused, that could Read in the Psalter, nor any Demand of Entrance Money made of the Inhabitants, but only from Strangers Children, of which there is now about Ten in the School, and that for Firing some that are in low Circumstances Pay Nothing, others as they think fit, so that One with Another it Amounts to about Five Shillings a peice, the which Perquisites the Master insists on as his right and without it, can't Subsist in keeping the School having for some time paid an Assistant One Hundred Pounds, p Annum, out of his Salary, So that We are of Opinion that Nothing can be taken from the Master to Add to the Usher, but as it's Necessary that some Addition be made to the Usher, if the Town thinks proper to Add Thirty Pounds p Annum to his Salary, to begin the Twenty Eighth of May Currant, it may do well. ———

All which is humbly Submitted,

John Jeffries
Caleb Lyman
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hancock
Middlecott Cooke
John Steel
} Select Men.

Voted, That there be an Addition of Thirty Pounds, [**457.**] p Annum, made to Mr. Hicks's Salary to Commence from the 28th. of May Currant, And that the Select Men be desired to insert a Clause in the Warrant, for the next Meeting, for Erecting a Writing School near the Center of the Town.

Voted, That the raising of Money for defraying the Charge of the Current Year, be refer'd to the next Meeting, And that the Town Treasurer be directed to prepare and exhibit an Account of the Money Outstanding in the hands of the Collectors of Taxes. —

Voted, to refer the other Affairs that were to have been transacted at this Meeting, to be bro't under Consideration at the next Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned, in Publick Town Meeting Assembled, on Fryday the 22d. of May, 1741.

The Warrant under the Hands and Seal of William Dudley, and Anthony Stoddard Esqrs. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, Quorum Unus; In Order to the Choice of a Person to be Register of Deeds and Conveyances of Land in the said County in the room of Mr. Samuel Gerrish Deceased. ——— Read.

The Warrant for calling the Meeting —— Read.

The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator by written Votes —— which being Collected, it Appeared that Mr. Thomas Cushing was Chosen by a great Majority of Votes.

A Petition of Mr. Isaac Gridley, that All the Extra Expences, which Arose on his Servant Henry Nickerson's having the Small Pox, who was removed to the Westerly part of the Town, may be Abated him by the Town. Read.

Sundry Laws ——— Read.

[458.] A Motion made by Mr. John Darrell, that a Committee might be Appointed by the Town to wait on His Excellency the Governour, desiring that some Measures may be taken to Protect such Coasters as may be bringing Provission, Wood &c. from being Impressed on board His Majesties Ships of War, lying in the Harbour.

Ezekiel Goldthwait, was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing, and was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his Office by the Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.

The Freeholders of the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds &c. for the County of Suffolk, which being Collected were according to Law —— Sealed up by Constable Richard Gridley by him to be kept and returned to the Justices that Issued out the Warrant, on Monday the 25th. Instant, according to the Directions in the said Warrant.

The Affair of Erecting a Writing Schoolhouse in the Center of the Town, came under Consideration, and the same being fully debated, The Question was put. —— Whether the Town would accordingly Erect a Writing School in the Middle of the Town?

It passed in the Negative.

Upon a Motion made, the Question was put Whether the North Writing School under the Care of Mr. John Procter be divided into Two parts for the Conveniency of Children?

It passed in the Negative. ——

Voted, That a Committee Consisting of Five Persons be Ap-

pointed to Enquire into the Circumstances of the North Writing School under the Care of Mr. John Procter, and report to the next General Town Meeting what they think proper to be done relating to the Division thereof, or in what other Way the said School may be best Carried on and Supported,

Voted, That Abiel Walley Esqr.
Mr. James Allen.
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Mr. John Staniford
[**459.**] be the Committee for that purpose.

The Report of the Committee Appointed the 9th. of March last to View and Consider the State of the Almshouse and Report what Additions and Repairs may be proper to be made thereto, was Read, as Entred the 8th. instant —— And the same being fully Considered and Debated was Accepted, and

Voted, That there be and hereby is Granted a Parcel of the Common Land Adjoining to the Almshouse Bounded by a Line to be Extended from the Southwest Corner of said House into the Field about Ninety foot, and from thence Extending another line Eastward bevelling with the Work house fence as now Erected.

Also Voted that there be a Brick Building in Addition to the Almshouse Erected on said Land of Ninety feet long and the same Wedth of the Old House to Accomodate the Poor, And that the Overseers of the Poor be desired to take care that the same be Effected in the Cheapest manner.

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned to 3 o'Clock Afternoon.

Afternoon, the Town being Assembled.

A Petition of Mr. John Staniford, and others, Collectors of Taxes for the Year, 1740, Praying that the Assessors may be Allowed to Sit upon Abatements till the latter end of October next, for the reasons therein mentioned —— Read.

Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted, And that the Assessors be Allowed to Sit upon Abatements till the last Day of October next, and no longer. ———

The Petition of Mr. John Staniford relating to the Building a Bridge from Boston to Cambridge over Charles's River being Read and Debated upon, in Answer thereto,

Voted, That when the Building a Bridge from Boston to Cambridge shall be Undertaken, the Town will Carry on the Affairs so far as to Build that part of the Bridge, which may be Convenient to be Built on the Flatts from Boston Shore to Low water mark, Provided that in Order to Enable them to Effect such part of the Works the Town can Obtain from the Great and General Court the Loan of a Sufficient Sum of [**460.**] Money upon reasonable terms, And also may be Entitled to their proportionable part of the Incomes of said Bridge.

The Report of Messrs. Isaac White and others a Committee Appointed to Consider of some proper Method for supplying the Town with Fire Wood, as Entred May, 8th instant, being read,

Voted, That the same be Accepted, and that the Sum of Seven

Hundred Pounds of the produce of the Three Townships be as soon as may be drawn in by the Select Men, and delivered to,

Major John Hill.
Thomas Hubbard Esqr. and
Mr. John Wheelwright,

who are Appointed a Committee to Invest the same in Cord-Wood at the most reasonable Rate to be laid in some Convenient places at each end, and in the Middle of the Town, in Order to Supply the Inhabitants as the Necessitys of the Season shall call for.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to draw up and prepare a By-Law relating to the Admeasurement of Wood, and Report of the same at the next General Town Meeting. ——

A Petition of Joseph Ingraham, Praying that he may be a Culler of Staves —— Read, and after some Debate thereon,

Voted, That the same be Dismissed.

Upon Reading the Petition of Isaac Gridley relating to Henry Nickerson his Servant, who was ill of the Small Pox, and for the Safety of the Town removed to the Westerly part thereof, Praying that the Town would Order the Extra Expences as have arisen by his Removal and other Charges more than it would have been, provided he had been Cured and Attended upon in his own Family may be Abated him, Voted, That the Select Men Abate him so much as they shall think proper. ——

The Select Men's Report on the Petition of Mr. Edward Gray & others, respecting the High Way laid out thro' Bartons Rope Walk, being presented was Read, and is as follows, Vizt.

Persuant to the above Vote of the Town, We have [**461.**] Attended the Service therein desired, and Viewed the Land and Discoursed with the Petitioners, And find that the Petitioners, &c. have Purchased and laid out a Street of about Twenty One feet Wide and about Fifteen Hundred feet long, extending from Summer Street to the Sconce for which they are Obliged to Pay One Thousand Pounds (for what they Purchased) Eight Hundred and Forty Pounds of which they have got by Subscriptions of, some of the Abutters, others of them who receive a Benefit by said Way not being Able or willing to Pay any thing thereto,

We Apprehend said Street is of great Advantage to the present Abutters Estates, and to those that may hereafter Build there, and as the Town have some Interest there, in a House provided for Poor Children ——

We would therefore propose to the Town, upon the Petitioners Compleating the Street from Summer Street to Sconce Street of Twenty One feet Wide, and levelling a part of the Hill to the Eastward of said Street to the Approbation of the Town, and Convey over said Land to the Town for a Common High Way, free from any Demand of the Proprietors, that then the Town Allow to them, the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and Accept of it as a High Way,

JOHN JEFFRIES
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
THOMAS HANCOCK
JOHN STEEL
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted, and that upon the Petitioners Compleating the Street from Summer Street to Sconce Street of Twenty One feet, and levelling a part of the Hill to the Eastward of said Street to the Approbation of the Select Men of the Town and Convey over said Land to the Town for a Common High Way, free from any Demand of the Proprietors, that then the Town Allow to them the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and Accept of it as a High Way. ——

Upon the Motion made by the Select Men relating to the High Way by the Fortification, as entred the 8th. instant.

Voted that the Select Men be and hereby are desired and Impowered to bring forward any Suit or Suits in the Law for the Recovery and Possession of such of the Upland Beach Flatts and Meadow Ground as Abutts on the High Ways on the Neck in this Town, Unless the said High Ways shall be Speedily Secured [**462.**] From the Seas according to the Covenants made unto Sundry Persons to whom said Upland Beach Flatts and Meadows were granted by the Town the 31st. of January, 1708. ——

The Report of a Committee Appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accots. for the Year past, as Entred in the Treasurers Book —— Read —— Accepted, and

Voted, That the Treasurer be (so far) accordingly Discharged.

Voted, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be Allowed and Paid to the Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. out of the Town Treasury, for his good Service as Town Treasurer the Year past.———

The following Gentlemen were Chosen a Committee for Auditing the Town Treasurers Accounts, for the Year ensuing, Vizt.

Hugh Hall Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. James Allen
Mr. John Wheelwright

who are desired to Settle some proper Method for the Treasurer to State his Accounts in, that so the Town may be always Acquainted with the Ballance thereof. ———

Upon the Motion made by Mr. John Darrell at the Opening this Meeting ———

Voted, That Hugh Hall Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr. and
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.

be a Committee to wait on His Excellency the Governour desiring that some Measures may be taken to protect such Coasters as may be bringing Provisions Wood &c. from being Impressed on board His Majesties Ships of War, lying in the Harbour. ———

Voted, A Grant of Eleven Thousand Pounds to be raised by a Tax upon Polls and Estates within the Town of Boston for Relief of the Poor and defraying other Necessary Charges arising within and for said Town the Year ensuing.

Then the Meeting was Dismissed.

[**463.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in

Town Meeting Assembled on Tuesday the Sixteenth Day of June, A.D. 1741. ———

Prayer was made by the Rev^d. Mr. William Cooper.

The Precept and Warrant for Calling the Meeting. ——— Read.

Sundry Laws ——— Read.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. One of the Select Men in their Name, Proposed to the Inhabitants Assembled to proceed to the Choice of a Person or Persons to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be held at Boston the Eighth Day of July next, And in Order thereto to Consider and Ascertain the Number of Gentlemen to be Elected, Accordingly, ———

Voted to proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being Collected the Number of Voters were found to be Two Hundred and Eighty ——— And upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen by a Major part of the Votes, Vizt.

	N^o. of Votes.
Mr. Thomas Cushing	267
Mr. Timothy Prout	200
Mr. Edward Bromfield	262
Mr. James Allen	153

The Election of Representatives being Ended, the same was Declared by the Select Men, And,

Then the Meeting was Dismiss'd.

[**464.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at the Town House on Monday the Eighth Day of March, 1741.

Prayer being made by the Rev. Joseph Sewall D.D.

The Warrant for calling the Meeting ——— Read.

The Inhabitants proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator, the Votes being Collected, it Appeared that Mr. Thomas Cushing was Unanimously Chosen.

Sundry Laws, Read.

Ezekiel Goldthwait was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and Sworn into that Office by the Honourable Anthony Stoddard Esqr.

Sundry, Petitions Reports and Motions. ———
Vizt.

A Petition of Mr. Samuel Wentworth, relating to his Building a Warehouse fronting on Merchants Row.

A Petition of Mr. Thomas Williston relating to his Publishing the Banns of Matrimony at the Brick Church.

A Petition of Messrs. Joseph Simpson and John Hooker relating to their digging Graves in the Burial places in this Town.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants relating to the High Way at the South End paving the same between the End of the present Pavement and the Fortification.

A Petition of the Engine Men, to be Excused from other Service in the Town and to have the Premium Continued.

A Report of the Select Men on the Visitation of the Publick Schools.

A Motion made by Mr. William Torrey that the Town would Consider of making some further Provision for Educating the Children in the Art of Writing in the Middle part of the Town.

A Motion made by Mr. Joseph Marion that a Committee be Appointed to Wait upon His Excellency the Governour [**465.**] To inform him of the Circumstances of the Fortifications in this Town. ———

Mr. Jonathan Willis made the three following Motions Vizt. 1st. Whether Nothing can be done to prevent so many Chimneys being Fired to the great Surprize of the Neighbours and danger of burning the Town. 2ly. Whether Nothing farther can be done in Order to keep the Streets Cleaner than they were the last Year.

3ly. Whether Nothing can be done to prevent the great Disturbance Occasioned by Horses and Chaise in great Numbers Crouding into Town and also out of Town till Nine, Ten, and sometimes Eleven aClock at Night.

A Motion made by Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham that the Keeper of the Granary be directed to Receive into the Granary any Quantities of Grain as shall from time to time be Sent there for for Charitable Uses and to be Delivered out again only by Way of Charity according to the Direction of the Gentleman that shall put in the same.

A Motion made by Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham that the Committee Appointed the last Year to provide Cord Wood for the Use of the Town be desired to make Provission for the receiving such Quantities of Wood as shall from time to time be Landed by any Gentleman that shall give the same for Charitable Uses to be Delivered out again by way of Charity according to the Direction of the Person that shall Land and Give the same. ———

The Report of the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Fort hill —— Read.

Voted, That the Town proceed to take the same into Consideraation at Four oClock this Afternoon — Also

Voted, That the Town then proceed to the Choice of a County Treasurer, and that, immediately before they take the said Report into Consideration.

Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Seven Select Men.

The Votes being accordingly Collected and Sorted, it Appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen to [**466.**] That Office for the Year ensuing, Vizt.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.	Select Men.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth	
Caleb Lyman Esqr.	
Jonas Clarke Esqr.	
Mr. Thomas Hancock	
Mr. Middlecott Cooke	
Capt. John Steel	

Voted to Choose Twelve Constables distinct from Collectors of Taxes. accordingly.

Mess[rs]. James Barton	Excus'd	Constables
James Griffin (Cordwainer)	Sworn	
Thomas Speakman	Under Age	
John Gibbs (Painter)	Sworn	
Newman Greenough	Pay	
Charles Sigourney	Sworn	
John Box	Excused	
Ebenezer Coburne	Pay	
Nathaniel Martyn	Pay	
James Minot	Paid in 1737.	
John Coverly	Sworn	
Henry Laughton	Pay	

were Chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. ——

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

Mess[rs]. Joseph Sherburne	Pay	Constables.
William Vassall	Pay	
William Bowdoin	Paid in 1737.	
Charles Sherman	Pay	
Joseph Edwards	Pay	
William Beers	Excused	

were Chosen Constables.

[467.] The following Gentlemen were Chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing, Vizt. ——

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esq[r].	Overseers of the Poor.
William Tyler Esq[r].	
Capt. Jeffery Bedgood	
Major John Hill	
Thomas Hubbard Esq[r].	
Daniel Henchman Esq[r].	
Joshua Cheever Esq[r].	
Andrew Oliver Esq[r].	
Mr. Edward Bromfield	
Capt. William Downe	
Mr. Isaac White	
Mr. Samuel Hunt	

Then the Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer which being Collected were according to Law Sealed up by Constable Charles Sigourney by him to be kept and returned to the next Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Suffolk.

Then the Town according to their Vote in the Forenoon proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Forthill, which Report is in the Words following, Vizt.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town on Monday the Ninth of March, 1740. Appointing and Impowering us the Subscribers a Committee to Enquire into the Town Rights on and about Forthill &c. and making a Plan thereof We the Subscribers have accordingly Attended the said Service been upon and Strictly

Viewed the Premisses and do accordingly Report that this Plan Represents the Town Lands on Forthill in Boston with the Encroachments that at present Appear to be made by Several of the Abutters Namely Mr. Alexander Hunt, Jacob Wendell Esqr. Mr. [**468.**] Brattle Oliver, Madam Phillips and Jacob Wendell Esqr. as are Represented between the Red and Yellow Lines in this Plan Delineated, within which Lines the Encroachments appear to be made as by the Numbers from One to Five Mark't and particularly set down will fully Appear.

And We further Report that We find an Encroachment made by Col^o. Wendell Mr. Parkman and Mr. Ingersoll on the Battery Ground and Flatts where the South Battery so Called was formerly Erected whereon many Peices of the Cannon belonging to the said Battery are now lying and that Mr. Alexander Hunt Appears to Us to be a Trespasser on the Town Flatts lying before the said Hunts Dwelling house.

Samuel Adams
Shem Drowne
Jonathan Williams
Joseph Marion
} Committee.

And after a long Debate had thereon, As to that part relating to the Fortifications, It was,

Voted, That a Committee be Chosen and Appointed to Wait upon the Captain General Requesting His Excellency if he please to give his Orders for the Removal of such Incumbrances as are lying on the Battery Ground near Forthill; that so the great Artillery and Warlike Stores may be preserved, and put into a proper Condition for immediate Service when Occasion shall call for it.

Voted, That the Select Men, and the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Town Rights on and about Forthill Vizt. Samuel Adams Esqr. Mr. Joseph Marion Mr. Hugh Vans Mr. Shem Drowne and Mr. Jonathan Williams be the Committee to Wait upon the Captain General as aforesaid.

Also, Voted That the Consideration of the other part of the Report be refer'd to the Adjournment of this Meeting at some Distant Day. ——

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till ToMorrow Morning Nine aClock.

[**469.**] Tuesday, March. 9th.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Capt. Jeffery Bedgood who was, Yesterday Chose an Overseer of the Poor desires to be Excused from that Service. ——

Messrs. William Ireland	Pay	Constables
William Mollineaux	Pay	
Thomas Fillebrowne	Sworn	
Seth Foster	Sworn	
Robert Charles	Excus'd belongs to the Troop	
Charles Dabney	Sworn	
John Barrett (Shopkeeper)	Pay	

were Chosen Constables.

The Select Mens Report on Mr. Francis Willoughby's Account

of the Granary for the Year past, and as Entred in his Book —— Read —— And

Voted, That the said Report be Accepted & accordingly that Mr. Willoughby be farther Accountable for Thirty One Bushels of Rye and Twenty Seven Hundred and One Quarter of Flour, And the Sum of Eight Hundred and Ninety One Pounds Seven Shillings and Nine pence in Bills of Credit the whole of which Amounts to the Sum of One Thousand Twenty four Pounds & Nine pence which remains in his Hands Exclusive of Mr. Willoughby's Salary for the Year past, Vizt. One Hundred Pounds which is hereby also Allowed.

Messrs.	Richard Buckley	Assessors.
	Peter Thomas	
	Joshua Blanchard	
	William Salter	
	Daniel Pecker	
	Nathaniel Barber	
	Jacob Parker	

were Chosen Assessors for the Year ensuing.

Mr. William Salter desires that he may be Excused [**470.**] For Serving, as an Assessor for the Year ensuing, & upon hearing his Reason, It was

Voted that he should be Excused accordingly.

Deacon John Phillips was Unanimously Chosen an Overseer of the Poor in the room of Capt. Jeffery Bedgood.

The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Town Treasurer, and it Appeared that the Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. was Unanimously Chosen and Accordingly Sworn into that Office by the Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.

Mr. Robert Charles Chosen One of the Constables —— Appeared and prayed that he may be Excused from that Service, he being a Listed Trooper in the Troop of Guards under the Command of Estes Hatch Esqr. after some Debate thereon, The Question was put, Whether the said Robert Charles be Excused for the reasons given?

Voted in the Affirmative. ——

The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for One Assessor in the room of Mr. William Salter who declines Serving and upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared that William Fairfield was Chosen.

Messrs.	William Fenwick	Pay	Constables
	John Scolley	Pay	
	Ebenezer Wallis	Sworn	
	Thomas Hayes	Sworn	

were Chosen Constables.

The Petition of Thomas Williston Sexton of the Old Brick Church, Read at the Opening of the Meeting —— Setting forth, That he had been Sexton of said Meeting house the Year past and had Constantly Attended his Duty and it has been an Ancient Custom that the said Sexton should have the Benefit of Publishing the Banns of Matrimony when Capable and most of the Congregation are desirous that he should have the Benefit of [**471.**] Publishing if he had the Order of the Town Meeting for the same

Praying the Town to take the same into Consideration, and Grant him leave to Publish accordingly —— After a Considerable Debate thereon A Motion was Made & the Question was put, Whether the said Petition should be Dismissed? And it passed in the Affirmative.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants relating to Paving of Orange Street at the South end, from the End of the present Pavement, to the Pavement which extends to the Fortification —— Read at the Opening of this Meeting, came into Consideration and after a long Debate thereon, The Question was put, Whether the Town will now proceed to the Consideration of this Petition? It passed in the Affirmative.

And then another Question was put, Vizt. Whether the said High Way should be Paved from the End of the present Paving till it meets with the Pavement that extends to the Fortification, Upon Condition that any Abutter or number of Abutters to the Satisfaction of the Satisfaction of the Select Men will Undertake that each and every Abutter shall Pay his proportionable part for Paving the same? It was Voted in the Affirmative; and that the Select Men be desired to See the same effected in the best and Cheapest manner, in the above Conditions.

Mr. John Gibbs Chosen One of the Constables Appeared and pleaded that he is now a Vestry Man in the Church of England whercof the Reverend Dr. Cutler is Minister, and therefore desired to be Excused—after some Debate thereon, The Question was put Whether the Town would Excuse him for the reasons given? And it passed in the Negative.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Three oClock in the Afternoon. ——

Afternoon, The Town being Assembled.

[472.] Messrs. Andrew Halyburton
Samuel Service Sworn
William Codner Sworn
John Gridley Sworn
} Hogreves.

were Chosen Hogreves for the Year ensuing.

Messrs. Joseph Russell Sworn
Caleb Ray Sworn
Thomas Foster Sworn
Benjamin Russell Sworn
John Adams, (North End) Sworn
John Indicott
Hopestill Foster
} Fence Viewers.

were Chosen Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing.

Messrs. Edward Moberly Sworn
William Paine Sworn
Moses Eayres Sworn
John Ruddock Sworn
Joseph White Sworn
Matthew Barnard Sworn
Joseph Ricks Sworn
Thomas Jones, Not Capable having a Weak Sight.
} Viewers of Shingles &c.

were Chosen Surveyors of Boards, Timber, Shingles &c.

Messrs.	John Helyer	Sworn	Cullers of Staves.
	Harvey Thomas	Sworn	
	Samuel Green	Sworn	
	Isaac Fowle		
	John Hobbs	Sworn	
	Benj^{a}. Barnard	Sworn	
	Benj^{a}. Sault	Sworn	

were Chosen Cullers of Staves for the Year ensuing.

Voted, That the Select Men be Surveyors of the High Ways.

Messrs.	Nathaniel Gardner	Informers ab^{t}. Deer.
	Richard Hubbard	

to inform against & prosecute the Violaters of the Act for the better Preservation and Increase of Deer within this Province.

[473.] Mr. Isaac Gridley was Chosen Surveyor of Hemp and Flax for the Year ensuing.

Messrs.	Samuel May	Sworn	Sealers of Leather.
	Benjamin Mason	Sworn	
	Robert Williams	Sworn	
	William Darrington	Sworn	
	John Allen	Sworn	
	Thomas Inches	Sworn	
	Nathaniel Hodgdon	Sworn	

were Chosen Sealers of Leather for the Year ensuing.

Mr. Richard Carter Cowel was Chosen Haward for the Year ensuing. ——

Messrs.	Josiah Carter	Sworn	Constables
	John Nowell	Sworn	

were Chosen Constables.

Messrs.	John Ruddock	Sworn	Clerks of the Market.
	William Bowles	Sworn	
	Ebenezer Simpson	Sworn	
	Charles Harrison	Excused	
	Astar Stoddard	Sworn	
	John Miller	Sworn	
	Ellis Wilson	Sworn	
	Benjamin Rankin	Sworn	
	Daniel Williams	Sworn	
	Daniel Ray	Sworn	
	Samuel Rogers	Sworn	
	Daniel Sigourney	Sworn	
	Gamaliel Wallis	Pay	

were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing.

Messrs.	Joseph Webb	Scavingers.
	William Greenleaf	
	William Salter	
	Capt. Benj^{a}. Pollard	
	Ebenezer Lowell	
	Knight Leverett	
	Capt Barth^{o}. Cheever	

[474.] Messrs. Charles Coffin
John Darrell
Richard Gooding } Scavingers.
Nathaniel Greenwood
George Skinner

were Chosen Scavengers for the Year ensuing.

The Petition of Mr. Samuel Wentworth —— Read at the Opening of the Meeting, was now taken into Consideration

And Voted, That the Subject Matter of the said Petition be referred to the Select Men to do what they shall think proper and most for the Advantage of the Town. ——

The Petition of Joseph Simpson and John Hooker relating to their digging Graves in the Burial places in this Town —— Read at the Opening of the Meeting, was now taken into Consideration and after some Debate ——

It was Voted That the Prayer thereof be refer'd to the Select Men to act therein as they shall think best and most reasonable.

The Petition of James Read and others, Masters of the Fire Engines, in behalf of themselves and their Companys Praying that they may be Exempted from Serving in other Town Offices for the Year ensuing, And that the Premium which the Town hath granted for Two Years past, to the first Engine which should be brought to Work upon any Building on Fire, might be still Allowed them, for reasons mentioned —— Read and

Voted That the Prayer of the Petition be Granted provided there be Two Men more Added to each Engine & an Ax and Hook provided to each Engine and they bring with them to the Fire the said Ax and Hook. ——

The Report of the Select Men on the Visitation of the Publick Schools —— Read again and is as follows, Viz^t.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston in Town Meeting Assembled, March. 8th. 1741.

[475.] Pursuant to a Vote of the Town of Boston at their Annual Meeting the Ninth of March last past, Desiring the Select Men to Visit the Several Publick Schools in the Town, and to desire such Gentlemen to Accompany them therein, as they shall think proper, and to Report thereon.

We the Subscribers accordingly Attended that Service on Wednesday the Seventeenth of June last Accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Vizt.

The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Hon. William Foye Esqr.
Major Samuel Sewall
The Rev. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Rev. Mr. Thomas Prince
The Rev. Mr. John Webb
The Rev. Mr. William Welsteed
Mr. Edward Bromfield, and
Mr. James Allen ——

and found the said Schools under a good regulation, The Number

of Scholars in each School were as follows, Vizt. In the South Grammar School Eighty Seven, In the South Writing School Forty Eight, in the Writing School in Queen Street Seventy four; In the North Grammar School Sixty five; And in the North Writing School Two Hundred. ——

JOHN JEFFRIES
CALEB LYMAN
JONAS CLARKE
THOMAS HANCOCK
MIDDLECOTT COOKE
JOHN STEEL
} Select Men.

Voted, That this Report be Accepted and that the Gentlemen the Select Men be desired to Visit the Publick Schools the Year ensuing, and that they desire such Gentlemen to Accompany them therein as they shall think Convenient, and that they Report thereon.

[**476.**] Voted, That the Gentlemen the Representatives of Boston be Added to the Committee Chosen Yesterday, to Wait upon the Captain General. ——

The Question was put, Whether the Town will Choose a Committee for Purchasing Grain &c. by a handy Vote?

It passed in the Affirmative, —— and

Messrs. Jeremiah Belknap
John Salter
John Tyler
} Committee.

were Chosen a Committee for Purchasing Grain, who are hereby Impowered to give all Needful Directions to the Master of the Granary, respecting the Quantities of Grain to be Sold, and Setting the Price thereof from time to time.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday next, the Twelfth instant, at Three o'Clock afternoon.

Fryday, March, 12th. 1741.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

On a Motion made, It was Voted that for the future the Town shall not proceed to Act on any Matter or thing which will Necessarily bring on a Considerable Disbursement of Money without its being Inserted in the Warrant for calling the Meeting.

The Question was put, Whether the Town would do any thing in Consequence of the Motion made at the Opening of this Meeting, by Mr. William Torrey, relating to the Educating of Children in the Middle part of the Town?

And it passed in the Negative.

The Committee Appointed to wait on His Excellency the Captain General, the Eighth instant, Requesting him to give his Orders for the Removal of such Incumbrances as are lying on the Battery Ground near Fort hill, that so the great Artillery and Warlike Stores may be preserved, and put into a proper Condition for immediate Service [**477.**] When Occasion shall call for it, made Report that they had accordingly Waited upon His Excellency and received an Answer from him in the Words following, Vizt.

Gentlemen, Boston March. 11. 1741.

You are hereby Directed to take Care for the removal of the Incumbrances that are lying on the Battery Grounds in Boston, that so the great Artillery and Warlike Stores may be preserved and put into a proper Condition for immediate Service according to the request of the said Town in this Affair, You must Attend the Select Men of Boston who will Assist You and defray the Charge of this Service.

To Messrs. John Steele, Shem Drowne
and Jonathan Williams, W. Shirley.

And then a Motion was made by Mr. Joseph Marion, that the following Vote might be passed, Vizt.

Inasmuch as His Excellency the Captain General has been pleased in a kind manner to Receive the Committee appointed by the Town to Wait on him regarding the Incumbrances on the Battery Grounds in Boston And has also at the Towns Application Appointed a Committee to remove the said Incumbrances

Therefore Voted, That the Town in the most Dutiful manner, return their Sincere Thanks to His Excellency the Governour, by the Gentlemen the Select Men, for his peculiar regard to the Town in the Order given by His Excellency for the removing the Incumbrances aforesaid, And that the Town humbly trust that His Excellency is really Disposed to preserve and protect the Rights and Liberties of the Inhabitants of this Town, as well as their Persons.

Which Unanimously passed in the Affirmative.

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to wait upon His Excellency accordingly. ——

A Question was put, Whether Capt John Steel Mr. Shem Drowne and Mr. Jonathan Williams be desired [**478.**] To Erect a Fence round the South Battery Grounds?

It passed in the Affirmative, and they are desired to take Care that the same be done accordingly.

On a Motion made, Whether the Report of the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Towns Rights on and about Fort hill as Entred the Eighth instant be Accepted? And

It was Voted in the Affirmative, —— And then

Voted, That the Consideration of the Report relating to the Incroachments on Fort hill be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting.

A Motion was made relating to the Choice of Tything Men, but Nothing done thereon. ——

On the Motion made by Mr. Jonathan Willis at the Opening of the Meeting, relating to Chimneys being Fired, after a Debate thereon.

It was Voted, That the Select Men be desired to prepare a Draft of a By-law for the regular & Seasonable Sweeping of Chimneys and present the same at the next General Town Meeting. ——

The Motion made by Mr. Willis at the Opening of this Meeting, relating to Horses and Chaise coming in and going out of Town late at Night, came under Consideration, but Nothing done thereon.

The other Motion made at the Opening of the Meeting by Mr. Willis, relating to keeping the Streets clean, the Town Apprehend comes under the Care & Cognizance of the Select Men as Surveyors of High Ways.

On the Motion made by Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham at the Opening of the Meeting, relating to Grain.

Voted, That the Keeper of the Granary be directed to receive into the Granary any Quantities of Grain as shall from time to time be sent there for Charitable Uses, and to be delivered out again only by way of Charity according to the Direction of the Gentlemen that shall put in the same.

[**479.**] On the Motion made at the Opening of this Meeting by Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham relating to Wood.

Voted, That the Committee Appointed the last Year to provide Cord Wood for the Use of the Town be desired to make Provission for the receiving such Quantities of Wood as shall from time to time be Landed by any Gentleman that shall give the same for Charitable Uses to be Delivered out again by way of Charity —— according to the Direction of the Person that shall Land and give the same. ——

Mr. John Tyler declining to Serve as One of the Committee for Purchasing Grain. ——

Deacon Samuel Bridgham was Chosen in his Room. ——

Voted, That the Consideration of raising Money and Choosing Collectors of Taxes be refer'd to the next General Town Meeting.

Then the Meeting was Dismissed.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Town Meeting Assembled on Tuesday the Eleventh Day of May, Anno Domini, 1742.

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. Mr. John Webb.

The Precept and Warrant for Calling the Meeting. Read.

Sundry Laws —— Read.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. One of the Select Men in their Name, proposed to the Inhabitants Assembled to proceed to the Choice of a Person or Persons to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of May instant, And in Order thereto to Consider & Ascertain the Number of Gentlemen to be Elected, Accordingly.

[**480.**] Voted, to proceed to the Choice of Four Representatives.

The Votes being Collected the Number of Voters were found to be Five Hundred and Twenty five, and upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen by a Major part of the Votes, Vizt.

	N° of Votes
Mr. Thomas Cushing	510.
Mr. Timothy Prout	439.
Mr. Edward Bromfield	322.
Mr. James Allen	372.

The Election of Representatives being ended, and the same declared by the Select Men.

The Town proceeded to the Choice of a Moderator by a handy Vote and Mr. Thomas Cushing being Nominated, The Question was put, Whether they would Choose the said Mr. Thomas Cushing for the Moderator of this Meeting,

And it passed in the Affirmative.

A Motion made by Mr. Richard Hubbard relating to the Nusance at the lower end of Milk Street, the Stoppage of the Water there being so great, that there is no passing.

A Motion made by Mr. Henry Lloyd Praying he may have Liberty to take off Stones from Deer Island, Paying therefore what shall be thought reasonable.

A Motion made by Mr. Thomas Cushing that the Town would represent to the General Court the distressing Circumstances of this Town and to Pray for Relief as to their Proportion of the Province Tax which is to be at the next Sessions anew Apportioned.

A Motion made by Mr. Edward Moberly relating to Shingles.

Sundry Petitions, Read —— Vizt.

Of Mr. Joseph Clewly for Liberty to Erect a Wind Mill on Fort hill. ——

Of Mr. Zechariah Hicks, Praying he may Succeed Mr. Allen as Master of the South Writing School he desiring to Resign that Office.

[481.] Of Sundry Inhabitants of this Town respecting the Millers.

Of Mr. Joseph Savell, Praying for an Abatement of the Rent of the Cellar he hired of the Town.

Of Mr. John Lovell Praying for an Addition to his Salary.

Of the Overseers of the Poor for Supplying the Alms house.

Voted, That the Meeting be Adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Afternoon, the Town being Assembled.

A Motion made by Capt. Benjamin Pollard, that there may be a Flagg provided for the South Battery.

A By Law prepared by the Select Men for the regular and Seasonable Sweeping of Chimnies —— Read, and is as follows —— Vizt.

For the more Effectual Provission for the regular and Seasonable Sweeping the Chimneys of this Town.

It is Voted and Ordered.

That the Select Men of the Town for the time being, be hereby directed and Impowered from time to time to Appoint One or more Suitable Persons to be Sweepers of Chimneys within this Town, who shall give Security to the Satisfaction of the Select Men for their good Behaviour in Said Office; and whose Wages for their Work & Service in Lawful Money of this Province, shall not exceed the Rates hereafter mentioned, Vizt.

For each Chimney of Five Stories high, Nine pence.

Of Four Stories high, Eight pence.

Of Three Stories high, Six pence.

And other Common Chimneys, Six pence.

And all Kitchen Chimneys that are above the Tops of the House they belong to in proportion to the heighth of the House at the Rates above.

And if any Person whomsoever who is not so Appointed as aforesaid shall presume, either by himself or Servant to Undertake the Sweeping of any Chimney in this [482.] Town, Except such Chimney or Chimneys as under his or their own Improvement shall Forfeit and Pay the Sum of Five Shillings for every such Offence.

And it is further Ordered, That every Person or Persons so Appointed by the Select Men to be Undertakers of Chimney Sweeping, shall be Obliged within Forty Eight hours (after Notice given them in Writing) either by themselves or some other Person (to be Approved by the Select Men) duly to Attend the Sweeping of such Chimney, on Penalty of Forfeiting the Sum of Five Shillings for every such Neglect.

And it is further Ordered, That upon Complaint made to any of the Select Men, either by the Chimney Sweepers or by any other of the Inhabitants of this Town, against any Person or Persons Neglecting to have their Chimneys Swept, being foul; that in every such Case the Select Men or any two of them, are hereby Impowered to Inspect and View the said Chimney or Chimneys Complained against as aforesaid, And if they judge the said Chimneys or any of them unsafe to make or keep Fire therein, by reason of their being foul and want of Sweeping, and Signify the same to the Person or Persons then in Possessions of the Tenement to which such Chimney doth belong that, then and in every such Case, the Occupier of every such House or Tenement shall forfeit and Pay the Sum of Two Shillings for every Day in which Fire shall be kept in such Chimney until the same shall be Sufficiently Swept. —— And it is further Ordered, That if any Chimney shall take Fire and Blaze out at the Top, thro' Foulness or for want of Sweeping, the Occupier of the House shall forfeit and Pay the Sum of Ten Shillings unless it shall happen within Thirty Days after said Chimney shall have been Swept; And then and in such Case the Person who last Swept the same shall forfeit and Pay the aforesaid Fine of Ten Shillings Provided the said Fire shall be Occasioned thro' Foulness or his Defect in Sweeping.

This Order to Continue and be in force till the Town shall See cause to Alter the same.

[483.] Voted, That the same be Accepted, and that the Select Men be desired to present the same to the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for this County for their Approbation

Voted, That when any Person or Persons are Convicted of the Breach of any part of the aforegoing Law, the Informer shall be Entitled to, and receive the Sum of Five Shillings Lawful Money of this Province out of the Town Treasury on every such Conviction. ——

The Law of the Province relating to Petit Jurors being Read and the List of Jurors prepared by the Select Men being presented

to the Town was Read over, & Accepted, And the Select Men and Assessors are desired as a Committee to prepare a List of such Persons as they judge proper and Qualified to Serve at the Superiour Court, and another List of such as they judge proper to Serve at the Inferiour Court and Court of Sessions and Report thereon as soon as may be. ——

The Petition of Mr. John Lovell Master of the South Grammar School Praying for an Addition to his Salary for the Reasons mentioned, came under Consideration and after some Debate —— It was put to Vote Whether the Town would make an Addition to Mr. Lovells Salary? And it passed in the Affirmative, And it was

Voted That the Sum of Fifty Pounds Bills of the Old Tenor be Added to his present Salary to Commence on the Eighth Day of July next.

The Petition of Mr. Zacheriah Hicks Praying he may Succeed Mr. Samuel Allen as Master of the South Writing School who has resigned, now came under Consideration, and by a handy Vote —— It was

Voted, That the said Mr. Zechariah Hicks shall be Master of the said School And that his Salary be Two Hundred Pounds in Bills of the Old Tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury, to Commence as soon as he shall take [**484.**] Upon him the Charge of said School, and the Select Men are desired to Inform him thereof and to Induct him into the Said School. ——

The Vote of the Council and Representatives of the Tenth of April last Desiring His Excellency the Captain General to give Orders that within Twelve Months there be Erected within the Town or Harbour of Boston a good and Sufficient Breast Work and a Platform Built and Twenty Guns Eighteen Pounders or others Equivalent Mounted and all Suitable Warlike Stores procured, and that the Sum of One Thousand Pounds be Granted and paid out of the Publick Treasury to the Order of the said Town, they giving Security to the Province Treasurer for the Erecting said Work and procuring said Stores, and that the same shall be from time to time Maintained or on the failure either of their performing said Work or Maintaining them the Money hereby Granted to be repaid by said Town into the Province Treasury again. Read —— And then

The Report of the Committee appointed the Eighth of March last, and Directed by the Captain General the Eleventh Day of the same to Remove the Incumbrances that were laying on the Battery Grounds, that so the great Artillery and Warlike Stores might be preserved and put into a proper Condition for immediate Service, being Read was in the Words following, That they had accordingly Attended that Service, and raised Eleven Guns at the North Battery out of the Tides Way and laid them on Skidds, there being no Platform to Mount them on, Also had Mounted Nineteen Guns on Carriages on the South Battery Ground, after the best manner that could be, there being no Platform to place them on, Also had raised Seven more out of the Rubbish and placed them on Skids to the Northward of the Sconce House, and according to the Desire of the Town had Erected a Fence and inclosed the South Battery Ground

excepting to the Northward of the Sconce, where there is Erected a New Ship belonging to Mr. Daniel Ingersoll which stands part of her on said Ground [**485.**] And is a great Nusance to the Publick, that part of said Ground to the Southward of the Sconce which is Claimed by Jacob Wendell Esqr. and is also much Incumbred with Boards Anchors Buildings and Wharfes, the said Committee had also Examined into the State of the Warlike Stores and, find that they are most of them Lost and Destroyed (Excepting Shot of which there is a good quantity) for want of a place to preserve them in, the Sconce House being gone to Decay.

Signed, John Steel
Shem Drowne
Jon^a. Williams

And after a long Debate thereon,

Voted, to Choose a Committee of Five Persons to Consider in what places and in what manner it will be most proper for the Town to Fortify themselves and Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting —— And Accordingly

The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Capt. John Steel
Deacon Shem Drowne, and
Deacon Jonathan Williams

were Chosen to be this Committee. ——

And then it was Moved and Voted, That the same Committee Consider in what Manner it may be proper and most for the Advantage of the Town to Issue the Controversys relating to those Persons that are in Possession or Claim the Battery Lands and Report thereon at the same time —— And then

Voted That the Select Men for the time being are hereby Impowered as Agents or Attorneys for the Proprietors Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town to Demand of any Person or Persons therein Concerned immediately to Repair and make good all such Parcels of the High Way on the Neck as they are respectively Obliged to put and keep in repair; To take and Use all Lawful Ways and Means to Compel them so to do; To Enter upon and take Possession of all such Lands Tenements & Hereditaments [**486.**] As by the Neglect of the said Ways fall into the hands of the Proprietors or Freeholders and other Inhabitants aforesaid and Order and Dispose thereof at their Discretion for the Towns best Advantage till further Order; And Lastly to Bring all such Suits and Actions as they shall judge proper for the Ends aforesaid, And to pursue or Discontinue them as they shall think most Expedient, with full power of Substituting Attorneys under them for the Ends aforesaid as Occasion shall require. ——

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned till Friday the Fourteenth instant at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Fryday Morning, May. 14th. 1742. Nine o'Clock The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

Mr. Thomas Cushing the Moderator of this Meeting being Obliged to go out of Town prayed (by his Letter Sent to the

Town) that he may be Excused from Attending any farther at this Meeting, Whereupon the Town proceeded to Choose a Moderator and the Question was put, Whether they should do it by a handy Vote? And it passed in the Affirmative, And Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham being Nominated, The Question was put, Whether Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham should be Moderator of this Meeting? And it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. Savell was Ordered to Wait upon Capt. Cunningham to Inform Him thereof, who came into the Meeting, and then the Town proceeded to Business. ——

A Computation made by the Town Treasurer of the Expences of the Town the ensuing Year was Read.

A Motion was made by Mr. Middlecott Cooke that there be a Committee Appointed to Examine the Treasurers Books that so the Ballance thereof may be known & that they be desired to get a Set of New Books and Settle some proper Method for the Treasurer to State his Accounts in that so the Town may be Always Acquainted with the Ballance thereof, And that some Person may be [**487.**] Appointed by them to do the same under their Direction

Voted, That a Committee Consisting of Three Persons be appointed accordingly, and then

Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
Mr. John Wheelwright and
Mr. Joseph Green

were Chosen a Committee for the purposes aforesaid, and they are desired to make Report of their Doings hereon as soon as may be. ——

The Town proceeded to bring in their Votes for One Constable and upon Collecting them it appeared that Mr. William Moore Distiller were Chosen into that Office.

Mr. John Indicott who was Chosen at the Meeting in March last, One of the Fence Viewers, desiring to be Excused from that Service —— It was Voted, that he be Excused accordingly And Mr. Nathaniel Viall Housewright, being proposed in his room, the Question was put, Whether the said Viall be a Fence Viewer for the Year ensuing? And it passed in the Affirmative.

The Town proceeded to Choose a Clerk of the Market in the room of Mr. Gamaliel Wallis Chosen last March Meeting and paid, And Mr. Edward Winter being Nominated he was accordingly Chose into that office.

The Town proceeded to the Choice of Three Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing and upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared that

Messrs. John Staniford
John Goldthwait & } Collectors.
Jacob Sheafe

were Unanimously Chosen into that Office.

The Report of the Committee Appointed the Eleventh instant, to Consider in what places and in what Manner it will be most proper for the Town to Fortify themselves, And also in what manner it may be proper and most for, the Advantage of the Town to issue the Controversys relating to those Persons that are in Possession of, or Claim the [**488.**] Battery Lands, was Read and is in the Words following, Vizt.

The Committee appointed by the Town at their Meeting the Eleventh instant to Consider in what places and manner it will be most proper for the Town to Fortify themselves, Are of Opinion.

That the North Battery be repaired by Building a Stone Wall all along in the Front, Five thick at Bottom and Battering to about Three feet and an half thick at the Top, this Wall to be built so high as to be within a foot of high water mark; That this Battery be extended about Thirty feet farther to the North East, for the whole Breadth of it, to be Built with Square Pine Timber and the aforesaid Stone Wall to be Continued along the Front and at the North Eastern end, that the Old part of the Battery and this new Stone Wall be United and raised at least Two feet above High Water mark by Square White Pine Timber well put together, And that upon the South Eastern Side or part and North Eastern end there be Erected a Breast Work of Square White Pine Timber about Five feet thick and Five feet high; That there be a Platform of about Twenty feet broad laid with White Pine Plank Two inches & an half thick; The Cost of all which We Apprehend will be about Three Thousand Pounds Old Tenor according to an Estimate of particulars herewith presented.

As to the South Battery, the Committee are of Opinion that the Sconce or House for reception of the Stores be thoroughly repaired, that there be built a Strong and Substantial Wharfe of Square Pine Timber, about Forty feet broad, The Northern end to be about Four Hundred feet and the Southern about Two Hundred and Eighty feet Eastward of the Sconce, That on it be Erected a Breast Work of Five feet high and Five feet thick for the whole length which We Apprehend should be about Two Hundred and Eighty feet, The Cost of the whole whereof, by the best Computation We can make, will Amount to something more than Six Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Old Tenor [**489.**] Of the Particulars on which this Money will be Expended a Schedule is herewith laid before the Town.

The Committee are of Opinion, as to the Controversy Concerning the Southern part of the Land, where the Guns have been formerly and now are Mounted (there being no Prospect of its being ended by Agreement or Submission to reference) that it be forthwith brought to an issue by a Process in the Law under the Care of a Committee to be Specially Chosen for that purpose All which is Submitted in the Name and by Order of the Committee.

SAMUEL WELLES.

If it shall be thought proper to Build a Communication from the Sconce to the Battery, the Cost We Apprehend will be about Fifteen Hundred Pounds by Order.

Boston May. 14. 1742. SAM^L^. WELLES.

And after a long Debate thereon. ——

A Motion was made by Col^o^. Wendell and Seconded, That he may have leave to Read some Copies of the Records of the Town relating to the Controversy supposed to be between him and the Town respecting his Title to his Lands at the South Battery, and it being put to Vote.

It passed in the Affirmative, and they were Read.

And then a Question was put, Whether the whole of the Report be Accepted, And it passed in the Affirmative,

And it was then Voted, That the Consideration of the Affair of the Batterys should come on at Four o'Clock this Afternoon —— And then

It was Voted that the Meeting be Adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. ——

Afternoon, the Town being Assembled.

Mr. Richard Carter Cowell who was Chose Haward the last March Meeting, desired to be Excused from that Service for the reasons given, Whereupon the Question was put Whether he should be Excused?

It was Voted in the Negative.

[**490.**] The Consideration of the Allowance of the Collectors of Taxes now came on and after a Short Debate,

It was Voted, That Twelve pence on the Pound be & hereby is Allowed to be paid to the Several Collectors of Taxes within this Town for the Year ensuing, Provided they Pay in to the Town Treasurer One half part of the Sums by them to be respectively Collected, within Six Months from the time they shall receive the Books from the Assessors, and the other half part in six Months after, And in Case they or either of them shall fail Paying the Town Treasurer in the above manner, the said Collectors shall forfeit the aforesaid Allowance of Twelve pence on the Pound for the Sum they were to Collect in the said Six Months wherein they shall so fail. Provided also that they give Bond with Sufficient Suretys for the faithful Discharge of their Office to the Satisfaction of the Select Men. ——

The Petition of the Collectors of Taxes Praying the Assessors may be Allowed to Set upon Abatements till the last Day of October next, now came under Consideration, and after some Debate —— It was Voted That the Assessors be Allowed to Set upon Abatements until the last Day of July next and no longer. —

The Grant of the General Court of the Sum of One Thousand Pounds for Erecting a good and Sufficient Breast Work and a Platform built and Twenty Guns Eighteen Pounders, or others equivalent Mounted, and all Suitable Warlike Stores procured, upon the Terms and Conditions mentioned in said Grant, came under Consideration, And The Qnestion was put, Whether the Town would Accept of the said Grant upon the Conditions therein mentioned, And it was Voted in the Affirmative. —— Also

Voted, That the Select Men be desired on behalf of the Town to give Security to the Province Treasurer in the manner required by the Grant of the General Court.

And then it was moved and Voted That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is directed and Impowered to receive the aforesaid [**491.**] Sum of One Thousand Pounds of the Province Treasurer to be by him kept and paid out for the Erecting of Fortifications (and that Use only) in this Town unto such a Committee as the Town shall Choose and appoint for that purpose.

It was then Moved and Voted that the Moneys for which the three

Townships granted by the General Court to the Town of Boston were Sold, and the Interest arisen thereon, be paid unto the Town Treasurer to be by him kept and paid out for the Building of Fortifications in this Town (and no other Use) unto such a Committee as the Town shall choose & appoint for that purpose. ——

Voted, That the Committee that shall be Chose for Erecting the Fortifications be desired to receive Subscriptions of all such Persons as are willing to Encourage the Building the same. ——

Voted, That the Select Men be the said Committee for Erecting the Fortifications or Batterys, and that they Employ One or more Persons as they shall think proper to be Overseers of the Work, to Purchase Materials for the Building and Effecting the same, to Pay off the Workmen every Saturday night, and do such other things as they shall think proper for Compleating the same, and that they be as Expeditious as possible in carrying on said Work.

And then Voted, That the Select Men be desired to Wait upon His Excellency the Captain General to lay before him the Votes and proceedings of the Town relating to the Erecting of Fortifications, for his Allowance and Approbation.

The Petition of Joseph Clewly read at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, now came under Consideration, and after some Debate thereon. ——

It was Voted, That the Prayer thereof be so far Granted as that the said Joseph Clewly be Allowed to remove his Wind Mill from Roxbury and Erect the same on Forthill at his own Expence and in such place as the Select Men shall Appoint, and Pay to the Town such a Quit Rent as the Select Men shall think proper, the said Wind Mill to Continue there during the pleasure of the Town. ——

[492.] On a Motion made and Seconded that the Report of the Committee Appointed to Consider what manner it may be proper and most for the Advantage of the Town to Issue the Controversys relating to those Persons that are in Possession of, or Claim the Battery Lands &c. as read in the Morning, may be Reconsidered so far as it relates to prosecuting the Possessors or Claimers of said Lands, It passed in the Affirmative, and then

It was Voted That Capt. John Steel Mr. Shem Drowne and Mr. Jonathan Williams or any two of them be and hereby are Impowered as Agents or Attorneys for the Proprietors Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town to Submit to Reference the Controversy between the Town and such Persons as they shall Apprehend to have Incroach'd or Committed any Trespasses on any of the Lands or Flatts Needful to Accommodate the South Battery as the Guns have been formerly Mounted and such Award or Arbitrement as shall be come into, Agreed on and given up or delivered as the Act of the Referrees Mutually Chosen by the said Agents or any two of them, and any Person or Persons in Controversy as aforesaid shall be binding and Obligatory on the Town, and be Esteemed as their Act, and finally End the Controversy accordingly, and in Case the said Controversy shall not be issued by Reference within such time as the said Agents or the Major part of them shall think proper they the said Agents or any two of them are directed and Impowered to prosecute the said Controversy

in the Law, and to Use all proper Methods in the Law to Eject and Remove any Persons intruding as aforesaid, with full power to Substitute any Attorney or Attorneys under them or any two of them as they shall think proper either in Submitting the Controversy to Reference or Prosecuting it in the Law, the Charge of which to be defrayed by the Town. ——

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to Capt. John Steel Mr. Shem Drowne and Mr. Jonathan Williams the Committee appointed to remove the Incumbrances off [**493.**] The South Battery Lands and Erecting a Fence there, for their great Pains in Attending and performing the Services desired of them.——

The Motion made by Mr. Henry Lloyd at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, Praying he may have Liberty to take off Stones from Deer Island, was Considered And the Question was put, Whether he should have Liberty accordingly And it was Voted in the Negative. ——

The Motion made by Mr. Richard Hubbard at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, relating to the Stoppage of the Water at the lower end of Milk Street, was Considered, and Voted that the same be Dismissed, for that the Nusance Complained of is presentable at Common Law.

The Petition of Joseph Savell Read at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, Setting forth that on the Twentieth of October, 1739. he hired of the Select Men Two Cellars under the Town House in Boston at and after the Rate of Thirty Pounds p. Annum for One Year, ending Oct. 1740. which was Six Pounds p Annum more than the same was formerly Rented for, That the Select Men by the Town Treasurer have made a Demand for One Year & Two Months Rent ending the Sixteenth of December. 1741. but so it is that the Petitioner had the Improvement of the Cellars for no longer time than Seven Months of the Two Years and Two Months and had no Opportunity to make Use of 'em, Wines being prevented coming in by reason of the War, Praying the Town to take the Premisses into their Consideration and release him from the said Demand Amounting to Thirty four Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Eight pence, The same was now taken Consideration and after a short Debate It was Voted, That the said Joseph Savell be Excused from Paying to the Town Treasurer the said Sum of Thirty four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eight pence accordingly.

And then the Meeting was Adjourned to Wednesday next being the Nineteenth instant, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

[**494.**] Wednesday Afternoon, May, 19th. 1742. 3 o'Clock The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

The Select Men and Assessors presented the List of Jurors for the Superiour and Inferiour Courts as desired by the Town, and after Reading the same The Town proceeded to Select out of the List One Quarter part of the Number so laid before them to Serve as Jurors at the Superiour Court, and the remainder of them to Serve as Jurors at the Inferiour Court of Common pleas and Court of

General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, pursuant to a Law of the Province made and passed at their Session in March last, and Voted That those Selected for the Superiour Court be put in One Box, and the remainder to be put into another Box for the Inferiour Court of Common pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace &c. ——

Mr. William Moore who was Chosen a Constable at the Meeting the 14th. instant, having paid, the Town proceeded to the Choice of another in his room, and upon Collecting and Sorting the Votes it Appeared that Mr. Thomas Snow was Chosen, who was Sworn in accordingly.

The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants relating to Millers as therein fully Set forth —— and Read at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, now came under Consideration, & after some Debate thereon ——

The Question was put, Whether the Select Men be Desired to draw up Instructions for the Representatives of Boston desiring them to Use their Interest in the General Assembly to Obtain the passing a Law to prevent Millers or any others from Menopolizing of Grain in too great Quantities.

And It Pass'd in the Affirmative. ——

The Select Men presented to the Moderator a Letter they had received from Christopher Kilby Esqr. One of the Agents of this Province at the Court of Great Britain and the same being Read Informed the Town that Mr. Abraham Francis, Mr. John Jones and Hannah his Wife had Petitioned the King in Council for Liberty of a hearing or Tryal of [**495.**] The Merits of a Cause relating to the Town Dock which was Tryed on a Writ of Review at the Superiour Court of Judicature held at Boston the Second Tuesday of August A. D. 1738. and then the said Petition was Read. ——

The Motion of Mr. Thomas Cushing made at the Opening of the Meeting, That the Town would Represent to the General Court the Distressing Circumstances of the Town and to Pray for Relief as to their proportion of the Province Tax which is to be at the next Sessions anew Apportioned, now came under Consideration, And it was Voted That a Committee be Appointed for that purpose, to Consist of Three, and That

Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. and
Mr. Joseph Marion.

be the said Committee and they are desired to draw up & Set forth the distressing Circumstances of the Town in as full a manner as they can in Writing and when they have Compleated the same to deliver a Copy thereof to each of the Representatives of the Town. ——

The Affair of the Grant of Money, and the Treasurers Salary is refer'd to the next General Town Meeting for Consideration. ——

Mr. Moberly's Motion relating to Shingles made at the Opening of the Meeting the Eleventh instant, came under Consideration, but Nothing done thereon.

Capt. Pollards Motion for a Flagg at the South Battery was Considered of, but Nothing done thereon.

Then the Meeting was Dismissed.

[496.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at the Town house on Monday the Twenty fourth Day of May, A. D. 1742.

The Warrant for calling the Meeting —— Read.

And then the Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. Informed the Town that the first Thing to be done is to Choose a Moderator and Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham being Nominated he was Chose by a Handy Vote. ——

A Letter from Christopher Kilby Esqr. One of the Agents of this Province at the Court of Great Britain relating to Abraham Francis John Jones and Hannah his Wife Petitioning His Majesty in Council for an Appeal from a Judgment Obtained against them by the Town of Boston at the Superiour Court at Boston the Second Tuesday of August A. D. 1738. was Read, and then a Copy of the said Petition sent by Mr. Kilby was Read. ——

Voted a Grant of Eleven Thousand Pounds Bills of the Old Tenor to be raised by a Tax upon Polls & Estates —— within the Town of Boston for Relief of the Poor & defreying other Necessary Charges arising within and for the said Town the Year ensuing.

The Report of a Committee Appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accot^s^. for the Year past as Entred in the Treasurers Book —— Read, Accepted and

Voted, That the Treasurer be (so far) accordingly Discharged.

Voted, That the following Gentlemen be a Committee for Auditing the Town Treasurers Accounts for the Year ensuing, Vizt.

Hugh Hall Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Mr. James Allen
Mr. John Wheelwright
Mr. Ebenezer Holmes.

[497.] Voted, That the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Bills of the Old Tenor be Allowed and paid to the Honourable Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. out of the Town Treasury for his good Service as Town Treasurer the Year past.

The Town proceeded to Choose Six Grand Jurors and draw Ten Petit Jurors out of the Box for July Court, as Entred in the Book kept for that purpose.

Then the Town Meeting was Dismissed.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Town Meeting Assembled on Monday the Thirty first Day of May. A.D. 1742.

Prayer was made by the Rev^d^. Mr. William Cooper.

The Precept & Warrant for calling the Meeting. Read.

Sundry Laws —— Read.

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. One of the Select Men in

their Name, Propos'd to the Inhabitants Assembled, Whether they would proceed to the Choice of a Person to Serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly now Sitting, in the Room of James Allen Esqr. who is Chose One of His Majesties Council for this Province.

And it was Voted in the Affirmative.

And the Votes being Collected the Number of Voters were found to be Four Hundred and Fourteen, but upon Sorting the Votes it Appeared there was no Choice.

Whereupon the Town immediately proceeded to bring in their Votes again, and upon Sorting of 'em it Appeared that there was Three Hundred & Ninety Seven Voters, but no Choice, And then the Town immediately proceeded to bring in their Votes again and upon Collecting of them it Appeared there was Five Hundred and Twelve Voters, & upon Sorting that Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. was Chosen by a Majority of Votes.

And then the Meeting was Dismissed.

[**498.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Town Meeting Assembled on Monday the Thirteenth Day of September, Anno Domini, 1742.

Prayer being made by the Rev^d. Dr. Joseph Sewall.

The Warrant for Calling the Meeting —— Read.

And then a Question was put, Whether the Town would proceed to the Choice of a Moderator by a Written Vote or a handy Vote? & it passed for a Handy Vote, And The Honourable Thomas Cushing Esqr. being Nominated, he was accordingly Chosen.

A Motion was made by Mr. Middlecott Cooke that the Town would take into their Consideration some proper Method for the better Government & Regulation of the North Writing School.

A Motion was made by the Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. that the Thanks of the Town may be given to Peter Faneuil Esqr. for his Noble and Generous Benefaction of the Market House to the Town, and that a Committee may be Chosen to draw up a Vote of Thanks and present the same to the Town for their Approbation.

Thereupon,

Voted, That The Hon. Adam Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Waldo Esqr. &
The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.

be the Committee for that purpose.

On a Motion made, A Question was put, Whether the Town will have a Clerk of the Market Appointed? And it was Voted in the Affirmative, Also

Voted, That the Clerk of the Market shall be Appointed or Chosen Annually from and after the General Town Meeting in March next.

[**499.**] And then the Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. Moved that the Town would make an Offer to Peter Faneuil Esqr. that he may have the Appointing the Clerk of the Market.

And then it was Moved and Voted, that the Committee Appointed to draw up a Vote of Thanks to Peter Faneuil Esqr. forthwith Withdraw into One of the Lobbeys to do the same.

Then Moved and Voted, That the Select Men Wait on Peter Faneuil Esqr. to Desire of him that he would Nominate a proper Person for a Clerk of the Market till the Annual Town Meeting in March next.

The Committee Appointed to draw up a Vote of Thanks to Peter Faneuil Esqr. for his Noble and Generous Benefaction of the Market House to the Town, Presented the same which was Read, and is in the Words following, Vizt.

Whereas Information was given to this Town at their Meeting in July, 1740. That Peter Faneuil Esqr. had been Generously pleased to Offer at his own proper Cost & Charge to Erect and Build a Noble and Compleat Structure or Edifice to be Improved for a Market for the Sole Use Benefit and Advantage of the Town, Provided the Town of Boston would pass a Vote for that purpose and lay the same under such proper Regulations as shall be thought Necessary & Constantly Support it for the said Use, And Whereas at the said Meeting it was determined to Accept of the Offer or Proposal aforesaid And Also Voted, That the Select Men should be desired to Wait upon Peter Faneuil Esqr. and to present the Thanks of this Town to him and also to Acquaint him, That the Town have by their Vote come to a Resolution to Accept of his Generous Offer of Erecting a Market House on Dock Square according to his Proposal. And Whereas Peter Faneuil Esqr. has in pursuance thereof at a very great Expence Erected a Noble Structure far exceeding his first Proposal Inasmuch as it Contains not only a large and Sufficient Accommodation for a Market place, but has also Superadded a Spacious and most Beautiful Town [**500.**] Hall over it, and Several other Convenient Rooms which may prove very Beneficial to the Town for Offices or otherwise And the said Building being now Finished has delivered Possession thereof to the Select Men for the Use of the Town.

It is therefore Voted, That the Town do with the Utmost Gratitude receive and Accept this most Generous and Noble Benefaction for the Uses and Intentions they are designed for, and do Appoint The Honourable Thomas Cushing Esqr. the Moderator of this Meeting, The Honourable Adam Winthrop, Edward Hutchinson, Ezekiel Lewis and Samuel Waldo Esq^{rs}. Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. The Select Men and Representatives of the Town of Boston, The Honourable Jacob Wendell Esqr. James Bowdoin Esqr. Andrew Oliver Esqr. Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham, Peter Chardon Esqr. and Mr. Charles Apthorp to Wait upon Peter Faneuil Esqr. in the Name of the Town to render him their Most hearty Thanks for so Bountiful a Gift with their Prayers that this and other Expressions of His Bounty & Charity may be Abundantly Recompenced with the Divine Blessing.

And then the Question was put, Whether the Town would Accept of the same? And it was Unanimously,

Voted, in the Affirmative, And the Gentlemen therein named are Desired in the Name, and as a Committee of the Town

to present the same unto the said Peter Faneuil Esqr. accordingly.

And then a Motion was made by Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. that in Testimony of the Towns Gratitude to the said Peter Faneuil Esqr. and to perpetuate his Memory the Town would now pass a Vote that the Hall over the Market place, be named Faneuil Hall, and at all times hereafter be called and known by that Name.

Which was accordingly Unanimously Voted in the Affirmative.

And then a Motion was made by Mr. William Price that as a further Testimony of the Towns Gratitude to the said Peter Faneuil Esqr. The Picture of the said [501.] Peter Faneuil Esqr. may be drawn in full Length and placed in the said Hall, at the Expence of the Town.

Which was also Unanimously Voted in the Affirmative.

And the Select Men are desired to take Care that the same be done accordingly.

Voted, That the Select Men be and hereby are Desired to draw up Rules and Orders for Regulating the Market, and present the same for the Towns Approbation at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted, That the Market be Opened the Twenty fifth Instant.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Fryday next at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Faneuil Hall.

Fryday Afternoon, September. 17th. 1742.

The Town being Assembled according to Adjournment.

The Town proceeded to Choose Ten Petit Jurors out of the Box for October Court, as Entred in the Book kept for that purpose.

The Committee Appointed to Wait on Peter Faneuil Esqr with the Vote of Thanks as Agreed to by the Town, Reported, they had done so accordingly & he made Answer that it was an Honour Show'd him by the Town he could not Expect, he hoped what he had done would be for the Service of the whole Countrey, and in a particular manner of the Town of Boston, and that Whenever it was in his Power to Serve the Town he should be always ready to do it.

The Select Men who were desired to Wait on Peter Faneuil Esqr. desiring him to Nominate a proper Person for a Clerk of the Market, Reported that they had accordingly so done and he Nominated Mr. Thomas Jackson of Boston Merchant.

A Question was put, Whether the Town would proceed to the Choice of a Clerk of the Market by a handy Vote?

[502.] And it passed in the Affirmative, And Mr. Thomas Jackson who was Nominated by Peter Faneuil Esqr. being proposed.

He was Unanimously Chosen.

The Select Men also Acquainted that they had presented to Peter Faneuil Esqr. a Copy of the Vote relating to the Drawing of His Picture, which he took very kindly of the Town, and would Sat any time to have the same done.

A Motion was made that the Town would take into Consideration the Salary or Allowance to be made or given to the Clerk of the Market, —— After some Debate,

It was Voted, That the same be refer'd to next March Meeting, and as it is a Granting of Money, that the Select Men put it into the Warrant and Notifications for calling the said Meeting.

The Honourable John Jeffries Esqr. Communicated to the Town a Letter the Select Men had received from His Excellency the Governour, Setting forth that His Excellency had received His Majesty's Picture, by virtue of a Warrant from My Lord Chamberlain & hath an Intention to make the Town of Boston a present of it, to be hung up in Faneuil Hall, desiring the Select Men would take a proper Opportunity of Communicating His Excellency's said Intention to the Town —— Whereupon

It was Unanimously Voted, That the Honourable Adam Winthrop, Samuel Waldo and Ezekiel Lewis Esq^{rs}. be a Committee to draw up a proper Vote of Thanks to his Excellency for his great Goodness and Generosity in making the said Present.

The Select Men presented to the Town a Draft of a By-Law for the Regulation and Government of the Market, which was Read and is in the Words following, Viz^{t}.

[**503.**] Whereas Peter Faneuil Esqr. has Erected a large and Commodious House for a Market for the Use of the Town to be Improved by them for a Publick Market under such Regulation as the Town shall think fit, And the Town having at a General Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants called for that purpose, September. 13th. 1742. by their Vote Accepted of the same.

Therefore for the Regulation & Government of the said Market.

Its Voted and Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Jackson Merchant, be and hereby is Constituted and Appointed Clerk of said Market, until the Annual Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants in March next, and until another be Appointed in his Room, and to have and receive such Salary for his Service as shall be Voted by the Town who is to give his Constant Attendance at the Opening of the Market, and there Abide during the Continuation thereof and take effectual Care that the Several Rules Orders and Directions for Regulating, and more Orderly Carrying on of the Market, be duly Observed and kept.

Ordered, That every Day in the Week, except Lord's Day or other Days Set a part by the Government for Religious Service be a Market Day, and that a Bell be daily Rung at the Opening of the Market which shall be at Sun Rise, thro' the whole Year from which Hour till the Hour of One, Post Meridiem, Shall forever hereafter be deemed and held Market Hours; And that if any Huckster or Retailer shall make any previous Contract touching the Buying any Provisions with any Seller or Buy the same (Except for their Families Use) coming to the Market or in the Market until One in the Afternoon shall for every such Offence being duly Convicted thereof Pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings Lawful Money.

And its further Ordered, That no Unwholsome Stail or Blown Meat or Leperous Swine be Sold or exposed to Sale in said Market under the Penalty of Ten Shillings to be paid by every Offender

for every such [**504.**] Offence, And that the Clerk of the Market for the time being shall take Care that the Laws of the Province, And the Orders of the Town (legally Confirmed) respecting Unwholesome and Blown Meat, as also the Weighing & Measuring of what is Sold, be Strictly Observed, and prosecute any Offender or Offenders against the same.

And it also Ordered, That no Steelyards shall be made Use of in Weighing within the Limits of the Market, on Penalty of Forfeiting Five Shillings for every such Offence.

And it is further Ordered, That in Order to make the Market more Convenient.

That it be daily Swept and kept Clean & the Doors and Windows Shut up at Sun Set, and that no Cart, Team, Horse, Wheelbarrow nor any thing else that may incommode the Market shall be Allowed to Stand or be near the Entrance of the Market place, but shall be immediately removed upon the Direction of the Clerk of the Market to the Owner or Occupyer of the same so to do, under the Penalty of Five Shillings for refusal or Neglect thereof.

Voted, That Whereas the Principal intent of said Market is to Encourage and Accommodate the Countrey People who bring Provisions into this Town for the more Plentiful Supplying of the Inhabitants at the First hand with the same.

Its hereby Ordered, That none of the Butchers or any other Persons who Buy within this Town to Sell again, shall at any time bring into the Market House, or Expose to Sale there any Sort of Necessarys or Provisions, and are hereby Excluded all Stalls and Standings in the same.

Its farther Ordered, the Select Men of the Town be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to take Care of the Repairs of the said House, and from time to time to Apportion the Size Mark and Number the Several Stalls therein and to Set or Let the same to Persons desiring the same for the Benefit of the Town.

And if any Dispute or Disturbance be made or Arise [**505.**] Between the Buyer and Seller as to Weight or Price Agreed for it shall be Adjusted by the Clerk of the Market, And the Person refusing Complyance therewith shall be Ordered out of the Market or Pay a Fine of Five Shillings.

And its hereby Ordered, That all and every of the Forfeitures and Penalties which shall happen at any time hereafter to be incurr'd and Forfeited by virtue of this By-Law, touching which no particular Direction is heretofore given shall be One half to the Informer the other to the Poor of the Town.

And its Ordered, That the Market shall be Odened on Saturday the Twenty fifth of this present September, And that Notice thereof be given in the Publick Prints of this Town.

This By-Law to be and Continue in Force until the Town shall find it Convenient to disannull the same, and that the By-Law relating to the Market made and passed by the Town at their Meeting the Twenty fourth day of April A. D. 1734 be and hereby is Disannulled.

After some Debate, Voted that the By-Law for regulating the

Market be Considered Paragraph by Paragraph, which was done and Voted as drawn up. — Also

Voted, That the Select Men be desired to present it to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, next to be holden at Boston for the County of Suffolk for their Approbation.

The Committee Appointed to draw up a Vote of Thanks to His Excellency the Governour, Reported that they had done the same, which was Read and Accepted, being in the Words following, Vizt.

Whereas His Excellency the Governour has been pleased to Manifest his high Regard to this Town by making a present of His Majesty's Picture to be Set up in Faneuil Hall, The Town are deeply Sensible of the Great Honour His Excellency has therein done them, and do therefore Order that a Committee be Appointed to Wait upon [**506.**] His Excellency and in the Name of the Town to Return Him their Most Humble Thanks for so Valuable A present and to Assure His Excellency that it shall Always be the Care & Endeavour of this Town to do what in them lyes to make his Excellencys Government Easy and Happy.

Unanimously Voted, That the same be Accepted, and that the Honourable Thomas Cushing Esqr. the Moderator of this Meeting, The Honourable Adam Winthrop, Ezekiel Lewis and Samuel Waldo Esq^{rs}., The Select Men and Representatives of the Town of Boston, be a Committee in the Name of the Town to Wait on His Excellency with a Copy of the same.

On the Motion made at the Opening of this Meeting by Mr. Middlecott Cooke relating to the North Writing School.

Voted, That the same be refer'd for further Consideration until the Select Men who Visit the Schools make Report thereon.

Voted, That the Select Men of the Town be desired to dispose of the Several Rooms and Apartments in the Market House, as shall be most for the Benefit of the Town and Cause all the Books Papers and Records of the Town to be removed into such of the Lobbeys as they shall think proper & that the Town Clerks Office be kept therein.

The Select Men Communicated to the Town a Letter they had received from Christopher Kilby Esqr. bearing Date London as also a Petition of Abraham Francis John Jones & Hannah his Wife to His Majesty in Council, which were Read, but Nothing done thereon.

Then the Meeting was Dismist.

[**507.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and lawfully Warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 27. Day of December, 1742.

The Warrant for calling the Meeting —— Read.

And then a Question was put, Whether the Town would proceed to the Choice of a Moderator by a written Vote or a handy Vote?

And it passed for a Handy Vote, And the Honourable Thomas Cushing Esqr. being Nominated, he was accordingly Chosen.

The three following Motions were made by Mr. Middlecott Cooke, Vizt.

That some further Care may be taken about the Law lately made for Packing of Provisions.

That some Care be taken for the just Admeasurement of Cord Wood.

And that some Care may be taken as to the Assize of Bread.

A Petition of Several Inhabitants of the Town (to the Select Men) for making a further Representation of the Distressing Circumstances of the Town, and their Inability to Pay the Tax now laid on them by the Honourable House of Representatives in Order to Obtain some Redress in the Affair —— being Read, and after a long Debate thereon ——

Voted, That the Select Men be desired in behalf of the Town immediately to Petition the Honourable House of Representatives that as a great part of the Personal Estate with their Trading Stock and Faculty in the Countrey Towns is not Exhibited nor have they Doomed them as We humbly Apprehend in proportion to what they have, And the Inhabitants of this Town are Doomed for much more than they have, That they would in their Wisdom & Justice, Either make us a reasonable Abatement of the proportion they have been pleased to Assign to Us and Charge the Several Countrey Towns for what Personal Estate and Trading Stock and Faculty they really have altho' not brought in, or otherwise Allow Us time for exhibiting Our Personal Estate with Trading Stock and Faculty in the same manner the Countrey Towns have done, Accept the same from Us and State Our Proportion accordingly.

On the Motions made by Mr. Cooke at the Opening of the Meeting.

Voted, That it be Recommended to the Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston, to bring forward in the Great and General Court, Laws for the more just Admeasurement of Cord Wood, and Packing of Provisions, And also for the just Assize of Bread Baked for Sale.

Then the meeting was Dismist.

[508.] Boston December. 27. 1742.

The following Petition was Drawn up, Signed & Presented by the Select Men to the Honourable House of Representatives, according to the Vote of the Town of this Day. Vizt.

To the Honourable House of Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

The Petition of the Select Men of the Town of Boston by Order and in behalf of said Town.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That to Our great Grief We are informed that the Honourable House have in their present Session Voted to increase Our Burden by Adding about Ten Pounds to Our Proportion of each Thousand Pounds of the Province Tax, And as We humbly Apprehend this to have proceeded from a Mistaken Opinion which the Honourable Members have Conceived of the present State and Condition of the Town —— We beg Leave to Represent to the Honourable House,

That Our Numbers are decreased, Our Trade is declining, Our Estates are lessened, Our Poor are increased and Our Necessary Expences in Our Families are daily growing upon Us, though this last mentioned Difficulty which proceeds from the Price of Provissions being much Advanced We Submit to with the greater Chearfulness because what in this Respect is a Loss to Us in the Town is a gain to Our Brethren of the Countrey where the Provissions are Raised.

We readily Acknowledge it to be Difficult to Determine the exact Proportion of the Town to the Countrey tho' We humbly Apprehend the present Disproportion may be made Apparent and indeed some of Our Wealthier Inhabitants have already Left the Town that they may pay less Taxes in the Countrey and others are preparing to follow them.

We beg Leave to lay before the Honourable House the Vote of the Town in which they express their Willingness that their true State and Condition should be known as exactly as possible, And We humbly Pray the Honourable House to take this Vote and Our Distressed Circumstances into their Wise Consideration and to Afford us such Relief as to their Wisdom shall seem meet —— And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

John Jeffries
Alex^r. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hancock
Middlecott Cooke
John Steel
} Select Men.

[This ends the record for the year 1742, and this point is chosen to terminate the present volume. — W.H.W.]

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